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# Heseltine flings down gauntlet for leadership

By ROBIN OAKLEY AND PHILIP WERSTER

MICHAEL Heseltine finally announced yes terday that he was to challenge the prime minister for the leadership of the Conservative party, and immediately wooed

worried MPs by promis-ing to reform the poll tax. The former defence secretary initiated the most serious battle in Tory ranks since 1975, saying he had a better prospect than Mar-garet Thatcher of winning back lost Conservative

His plans for the poll tax, outlined in an interview with The Times, would involve building in the principle of ability to pay, and might shift ducation spending to central

In the interview, Mr Heseltine complained that Mrs Thatcher had allowed the Conservative party in Par-liament to become divided and he appealed to both ends of the party, saying: "I believe in people of talent and energy finding opportunity regardless of the philosophical input they give to debate. The responsibes of leadership are to blend this fusion of talents, to rather than to exploit it." As

New charges in Guildford case Three Surrey detectives in-

volved in questioning the Guildford four are to be prosecuted for conspiracy to pervert the course of justice,

former officers were named in a report sent to the DPP some and Somerset officers investigating the case.... Page 28

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he spoke, there was a growing Mrs Thatcher would find it hard to win on the first ballot next Tuesday. Although her supporters maintained that she would stay to fight the second round if necessary, MPs on all wings of the party felt that a failure to secure victory in the first vote might irretrievably damage her au-thority and lead to her standing down. Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, was emerg-ing as the candidate who would then be pressed forward to prevent Mr Heseltine tak-

ing the crown.

Mr Hurd repeated yesterday that he could not see the circumstances in which he could come forward. However, if Mrs Thatcher was not in the field he would inevitably be pressed to throw his hat into the ring, and most MPs believe he would agree. Senior MPs were predicting that there would be many abstentions among those who believe that Mrs Thatcher is too dampaged to take the Conservatives into the election, and would prefer Mr Hurd to Mr Heseltine's campaign

Mr. Heseltine's campaign increase in support for him and monkeys (reporters and since Sir Geoffrey Howe's photographers) and other meday. They are predicting well over 100 positive votes for

him. He would require 159

votes to be certain of forcing a The buttleground for the contest will be Europe, but the key point with Tory MPs may be his declaration that if he became prime minister, he would order an "immediate and fundamental review of the poll tax". Mr Heseltine's opponents acknowledged that this promise was a shrewd stroke, fully justified by his long-held opposition to it and

that brought it in. Announcing his decision to stand from his home in Belgravia yesterday, Mr Hes-eltine denied that a challenge would damage the party's general election aims. "I do not accept I have split the Conservative Party. Geofficey

By EDWARD GORMAN

AND DAVID YOUNG

DESMOND Ellis, aged 38, the

first alleged IRA suspect to be

extradited to mainland Brit-

ain, who has been on hunger

strike for 36 days, was last night remanded in custody for

eight days at Bow Street

magistrates' court in London

charged with conspiracy to cause explosious and possess-

ing explosives. He lost his

appeal against extradition in

only hours earlier.

the Supreme Court in Dublin the Irish justice minister.

### divisions which would not go away without a contest of this sort." But he declared that if Mrs Thatcher was to emerge victorious and to lead the Tories into the next election he would back her to the hilt.

"I would rather have a cabinet run by Mrs Thatcher than a government dominated by the fluence of the trade unions." Throughout the day, senio Conservatives rallied to Mrs Thatcher's cause. Mr Hurd called Mr Heseltine's challenge "a mistake - from the point of view of the government, the party and the country". Lord Whitelaw, the former deputy prime minister, said: "I believe profoundly

that at this time our country badly needs her courageous determined leadership as

came from Sir Barney Hayhoe, MP for Brentford and achieved under a new leader.

becoming increasingly difficult to envisage how the party could truly unite behind Margaret Thatcher, although I am convinced that unity will be John Lee, MP for Pendle, said Trusting to lack: Anne Heseltine gives a hopeful gesture to the press as she joins her husband on the doorstep of their Belgravia home yesterday

# Media menagerie stalks elusive prey

HARDLY suyone noticed the confident. Confident about Princess Royal drive through what they did not says for Beigravia at 10.45 yesterday Mates, who has clearly visited morning on her way to an zoos before, announced he engagement in Belgrave was confident of getting a Square. All attention was on decent breakfast, picked up and monkeys (reporters and Times with its portentious photographers) and other meheadline containing the words -foot on a doorstep to catch any whisper of the alternative palace revolution.

Straws floated early in the morning wind. At 8.37am Michael Mates, MP, arrived chez Heseltine and was asked by the menagerie if he was



mously rejected submissions by his lawyers that there are in

Irish law no offences corres-

ponding to the conspiracy

charge he faces in Britain, that

the delay in issuing extra-

dition warrants was unfair and

that Mr Ellis would not get a

The judges also dismissed an application for a delay in

the execution of the extra-

dition order so that lawyers

could make a last appeal on Mr Ellis's behalf to Ray Burke,

At the crowded courtroom

Five Irish judges unani- in Dublin, relatives of Mr stone and is losing his eye-

fair trial in a British court.

the Heseltines' copy of The ing", from the doorstep, and disappeared within.
PC Paul Donaghy, looked about 12 but is in fact 22, maintained a solitary but good-humoured guard on the door. He seemed happier with his day's assignment than he would have been policing a

Millwall home game. Not much then happened except, presumably, for breakfast - until soon after ten, when the favoured political correspondents of radio, television and the Press Association arrived in response to an invitation to receive the breathless word in the Heseltipes' first floor sitting room. Mr Mates then reappeared to address the unfavoured maltitude on the pavement. "He is not going out this morning. There will be an announcement shortly. He is very busy with the statement ed on page 28, col 6

Ellis, a former television

repairmen from Fingles in north Dühlin, wept after the

judgment, They were com-forted by Gerry Adams, the

Sinn Fein president, who described the verdict as shameful. The failure of Mr

Haughey's government to

intervene after the verdict had

effectively sentenced Mr Ellis

the 1987 Extradition Act and

was being watched carefully

on both sides of the Irish Sea.

The case was the first under

to death, he said.

# on Israel to attack

IN JERUSALEM

that the prolonged Gulf confrontation is not only making Israel vulnerable to an Iraqi missile attack as President Saddam Hussein is "backed leading to a crumbling of Israel's previously secure borders with Jordan and southern

Lehanon These pressures could push Israeli leaders towards continency plans for a strike against lraq if the United States fails to act decisively or if the Middle East balance appears to be tilting irrevocably against Israel.

Israeli military officials said hesitations by the US meant war against Iraq was unlikely until the end of December at the earliest. But war could be triggered by a "miscalcula-tion", leaving Israel to cope with an chemical weapons attack as President Saddam attempted to turn the conflict into an Arab-Israeli one. Officials believe Iraq has Continued on page 28, cel 2

from the Curragh military

hospital to Baldonnel military

air buse on the outskirts of

Dublin to be flown out by the

After his Bow Street appear-

ance, in a wheelchair, he was

taken to Paddington Green

held, although he may later be

transferred to hospital facil-

He will appear next week at

Arbour Square magistrates'

charges against him

# **Pressure** Gorbachev 'has lost the

FROM RICHARD OWEN

Gorbachev will address parliament tomorrow in an atternnt to avert the crisis.

Adding to the confusion, an open letter from 22 respected figures predicted civil war unless the president took firm and urgent measures" to avert it, and the government announced price rises on a range of what it classified as non-essential goods to take effect from today.

Lieutenant-Colonel Viktor Alksnis, who had attended a meeting on Tuesday between Mr.Gorbachev and more than 1,000 military men, told amazed parliamentary deputies that the president's appearance had been "a di-alogue of the blind with the blind". The president, he said, "yesterday lost his army". Lieutenant-Colonel Alksnis

ruled out the possibility of a coup, saying the military tacked a leader, and predicted

nis's views were echoed by Marshal Sergei Akhromeyev, the retired chief of staff and now a military adviser to President Gorbachev, who said in a newspaper article that the army would fight to save socialism and prevent the disintegration of the country. Lieutenant-Colonel Alksnis addressed a parliament al-ready in disgrunted and resentful mood. Deputies had returned from a 10-day recess during which they had been bombarded with complaints about shortages and the break-down of authority. They had returned to find that the Mr Ellis, who has lost two court, East London, to face the scheduled discussion of next year's plan and budget had

# support of his army'

THE Soviet power structure been postponed until next the economists Oleg appeared in tatters last night after parliamentary deputies had no plans to tell them the democratic parliamentary on the state of the country, and a military officer said President Gorbachev had lost Mr Yeltsin, the Russian Federation president, even though President Gorbachev had lost Mr Yeltsin had given the Their letter warned of the the support of the army. Mr Russian parliament his version the day before.

There were angry calls for Mr Gorbachev to appear and give an explanation. Many demanded an emergency debate on the "state of the nation" in view of the "impending catastrophe".

The same language of desperation peppered yesterday's "open letter" to the president by 22 respected public figures who are on the editorial board of the weekly Moscow News. They included

Their letter warned of the

and said that the only way to avoid it was to introduce total glasnost; to make the Soviet Union's 15 republics genuinely sovereign; to return the land to the peasants and disband unviable collective farms and replace the government with a "round table" coalition of national unity.

Yesterday's announcement of price increases covers goods described as "luxuries".

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# Falling interest that the army would resort to force first in the republics. Lieutenant-Colonel Alks-Alleged IRA suspect is extradited

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### Scarborough returns to electronic dark ages service can be restored, although it is Scarborough is a poor reception area and computer system hoped to reinstate 999 calls sooner. and mobile telephone users have to BT network failed. By PETER DAVENPORT and computer systems linked to the

EVEN for an out-of-season Yorkshire seaside resort, Scarborough was unusually quiet yesterday. There was not the ring of a telephone, the chatter of a telex nor the hum of a facsimile machine to be heard. A big fire in an automatic telephone exchange led to the failure of all 23,000 lines in the town, including all emergency services, the coastguard and the public

In a few devastating minutes Scarutilities. borough regressed from an era of instant communications to the electronic dark ages. The town of 70,000 people was effectively cut off from the outside world, leaving emergency planners having to introduce a makeshift system of communication to hold together the fabric of everyday life. It may be a week before normal

The communications failure was more comprehensive than that catered for in local authority emergency planning A document entitled

Scheme for Major Peacetime Disasters or Other Emergencies produced by Scarborough Council as part of its statutory duties in 1987 will have to be rewritten and the lessons passed on to other local amhorities.

Makeshift measures were hurriedly introduced by police and council planners who initially had to commupicate with human runners between their headquarters. A rots of civic cars, including the mayorial Jaguar, was posted to Oliver's Mount, the highest point in the town, where a mobile phone could be used to relay regent messages by two-way radio.

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seek high ground. Yesterday many of those people were parked on Oliver's Mount conducting business from their driving seat.

RAF.

Police, fire service and ambulance vehicles were positioned at 21 fixed noints and their locations broadcast so that people would know where to run for help. The council's fleet of refuse vehicles were recruited. Their crews were ordered to make their radios available for emergencies and the hospital cancelled all non-urgent

operations to clear beds for cases who could not contact GPs. Even the voice-link from the council's emergency planning room to County Hall in Northallerton, to be used in the event of war, filled. Some crisis like this. If it can h bank cash machines were knocked out cam happen anywhere."

The fire, believed to have been caused by an electrical fault, de-

stroyed digital processing equipment which handles 12 million calls a year. It was installed seven years ago as part of £3million improvements at the Northway telephone exchange. John Trebble, Scarborough coun-

cil's chief executive, said: "It is amazing how you come to rely on a telephone system and take it for granted. Then something like this happens and you realise just how vulnerable you can become. We have to strive to avoid putting all our equipment into one location. British Telecom need to centralise but there should be some capacity to avoid a crisis like this. If it can happen here, it

# The question over Thatcher: can she lead party to victory?

THE essence of Michael Heseltine's case is that he is a winner and Mrs Thatcher is now a loser, that he can take the Conservative party to victory in the next election and that she cannot.

It is a particularly bold claim to make against a prime minister who has fought three elections and won them all. He is demanding that she should be denied the chance of trying again to confirm that record before she is deposed. Mr Heseltine is being both honest and sensible, however, in pitching his case in those terms. For all the fuss about Europe, this contest will not be decided

Members of the cabinet confirm that Mrs Thatcher is now the issue. Winnability not ideology is the basis of

which is seen by many Tory MPs as the single biggest obstacle to their retaining their seats at the next election.

The question is whether the prime minister has now become a hindrance to her party's hopes of turning round Labour's big opinion poll lead and winning the next election. She will remember that it was not a surge of enthusiasm for what later came to be known as Thatcherism - monetarism, privatisation and popular capitalism — which brought her victory against Edward Heath in 1975. It was the feeling in the party, after two rejections by the electorate, that he was a loser and that a new face was needed at the top. What does that last Tory leadership

will be fought? First, that surprises do happen. A Harris opinion poll on February 3, 1975, the day before the first ballot, showed that seven out of ten Conservative voters were in favour of Mr Heath and that Mrs Thatcher trailed behind William Whitelaw too, even though he was not standing in that first round. The unctuous National Union had reported that four fifths of the encies wanted Mr Heath to stay on, but MPs gave her 130 votes and him 119. With 16 for Sir Hugh Fraser that meant that more than half had voted against Mr Heath and he was done for. Second, the contest showed the danger of playing bandwagon tactics. Mr Heath's campaign team spread the word that he would win comfortably on

contest tell us about the way this one the first ballot, seeking to pull waverers aboard for the sake of being on the winning side. As a result, the former members of his government who wanted a change but who planned to vote for Mr Heath to ensure that he had a respectable vote were emboldened to switch. Those who wanted to be rid of him but were not too keen on what they then knew of Josephite/Thatcherite policies believed that he was heading for first-round victory before they could get their chosen champions into the contest.

So they voted for Mrs Thatcher. Another lesson is that elections never turn out to be as clean as the participants promise. There is no reason to believe that the Tory machine had anything to do with the character assassination journalism already being

practised against Thatcher opponents. Indeed, Mrs Thatcher has specifically

She remembers only too well, no doubt, the "greedy food-hoarder" play made last time over her advice to pensioners to stock plenty of tinned food in a time of inflation, and the sneering at the temerity of a grocer's daughter with a second-class degree in chemistry thinking that she might lead a great party.

As the challenger, Mr Heseltine has one great advantage this time that Mrs Thatcher did not have in 1975. When she said "I am trying to represent the deep feelings of those many thousands of rank-and-file Tories in the country and potential Conservative voters too who feel let down by our party and find vacuum" it could legitimately be asked why she had not walked out of the cabinet that had done that letting down

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and created that vacuum. Mr Heseltine, however, did walk out. He did warn about her style of cabinet

What Mrs Thatcher has to decide now is whether to play things soft on Europe in the hope of anchoring the waverers who might otherwise drift off to Mr Heseltine, or whether to continue her post-Rome rhetoric in the hope of maximising the support in her natural constituency within the party.

business as usual. Whether that is enough in these feverish times we shall see in a few days.

# Heseltine pledges early poll tax review if he wins

By DOUGLAS BROOM, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Heseltine yes-terday committed himself to carrying out an immediate effort to keep poll tax bills and fundamental review of the community charge if he becomes leader of the Conser-

A key part of his reforms environment department, would be the introduction of a system of "banding" under of his close associates, tab which the rich would pay more and the poor much less in poll tax. Mr Heseltine is on record as saying that the wealthy, in particular higher rate taxpayers, "those who have prospered mightily under this government", must contribute more towards the cost of local services.

He also wants to see changes in the distribution of government grant to local authorities in order to iron out regional variations in poll tax. Interviewed on The World

at One on BBC Radio 4 yesterday, Mr Heseltine sug-gested that education might be of grant distribution, as part of

13 months in which five

Labour's lead in the opinion

polls and doubts about whe-

ther the economy will imp-

rove early enough to revive

Tory fortunes have deepened

the despondency. Although

Mrs Thatcher's supporters

hoped her convincing victory

against Sir Anthony Meyer in

last year's contest would end

speculation about her leader-

In the wings hovered one

man, Mr Heseltine. Repeat-

edly emphasising that he

could see no circumstances in

which he would challege the

prime minister for the leader-

ship, he assiduously cultivated

backbench MPs and cal-

culated his chances of suc-

ceeding Mrs Thatcher. Most MPs thought it un-

likely that Mr Heseltine would

mount a serious challenge.

However, the latest resigna-

tion from the government galvanised Mr Heseltine and

his campaign team into re-

began with the resignation of

Nigel Lawson as Chancellor of

the Exchequer in October last

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next general election.

Thirteen-month

for MPs' hearts

By RICHARD FORD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

ready been done by his own government. supporters and officials at the

In 1988 Michael Mates, one of his close associates, tabled an amendment to the Local Government Finance Act which would have introduced banding of bills according to ability to pay.

In order to provide ministers with the ammunition to defeat the amendment in the Commons, senior civil servants prepared an exhaustive evaluation of the scheme, which would be available to Mr Heseltine.

The department also looked into changes in the method used to calculate standard taken out of the control of this year's poll tax review. The

He has urged that councils who wish to spend above required to stand for reelection on their spending plans and has called for more help for people whose poll tax bills are significantly higher than their rates.

In May Mr Heseltine said that the government must bills. High community charges would only bolster Labour's fortunes and its campaign for a return to rates.

There is, however, some scepticism in local government circles about the workability of his proposals. One senior financial officer said last night: "Banding looks good but in practice it is a You need to involve the

Inland Revenue to determine who can afford to pay and even when you have done that there will be massive leaps between bands, each one of which will create its own poverty trap."
Without a commitment to

countdown to fight return control of business rates to councils, many trea-surers believe that Mr Héseltine's reforms would not ease the burden on poll tax payers.

# How the winner is chosen

announced that Peter Walker, the Welsh secretary, was to leave the cabinet. Later that month there was renewed speculation about

Mrs Thatcher's leadership of Commons next Tuesday.

On the first ballot a winning after Labour overturned a 14,654 Conservative majority to win the Mid Staffordshire by-election. Ministers rallied to support the prime minister after opinion polls showed Labour enjoying a record lead. In the summer the prime minister had to accept the

resignation of Nicholas Ridley, the trade and industry secretary, after he had accused Germany of trying to take over Europe. The Tories suffered a further blow when they lost the safe seat of Eastbourne. The party was braced for a poor showing in byelections at Bootle and Bradford North when, on November 1, Sir Geoffrey Howe quit the government in protest at the prime minster's attitude to the European Community.

On Tuesday Sir Geoffrey delivered a damning indictment on Mrs Thatcher's policy towards Europe and style of government. The savase government. The savage attack was the catalyst that year. Several weeks later Mrs Thatcher beat Sir Anthony triggered Mr Heseltine into strengthening her authority standing for the leadership.

MICHAEL Heseltine's chall- "for some time to come enge for the Conservative according to George Younger, party leadership comes after her campaign manager. In January Norman Fowler cabinet ministers have re- resigned as employment secsigned and amid growing retary so that he could spend gloom on the back benches more time with his young

> Nominations for the Tory leadership contest close at noon today, with voting taking place by secret ballot in a committee room of the House

candidate must receive a majority of the 372 MPs entitled to vote plus 15 per cent more than any other candidate. A winner must, therefore, receive 187 votes of those entitled to vote combined with a 56-vote lead, 15 per cent of those entitled to

If the votes given to a challenger plus those abstain-ing amount to 159, Mrs Thatcher would fail to win on the first round. The contest would then move to a second round. Nominations from the first round become void and others can enter the fray with nominations closing on November 22 and voting on November 27. On the second ballot, a candidate must obtain an overall majority of those entitled to vote that is at

least 187 votes. If nobody manages victory on the second ballot, the three highest placed candidates go to a third ballot on November



# Intrigue and strife mark past battles

leadership challenges have not always been fought in the limelight of publicity that surrounds Mr Heseltine's attempt, but since the second world war they have been regularly mounted against a background of intrigue and internal strife.

In the 1940s and 1950s leaders were chosen by a system in which potential successors were sounded out within the parliamentary party, But according to John Barnes, lecturer in govern-ment at the London School of Economics, before a leadership challenge the sitting leader had to be persuaded to go.

"In those days it was a bit like the black spot episode in

Robert Louis Stevenson's Treasure Island as one politician after another served notice to quit on Sir Winston Churchill, who fended off such challenges as leader of the opposition in 1947 and 1949," Mr Barnes said.

After the Conservatives won the 1951 election politicians continued to "gang up" against Churchill, who re-signed in 1955. Eden was then

Within hours of Mr Hes-

ister. Yesterday Douglas

Hurd, John Major, John

Wakeham and Michael How-

threat of conflict in the Gulf.

former sports minister who

served with him at the

Ironically Sir Neil was one

of the late Airey Neave's

lieutenants in the team that

successfully propelled Mar-

garet Thatcher to the leader-

himself in the opposite camp,

and says: "I only wish we did

ship in 1975. Now he finds

ard publicly backed her.

CONSERVATIVE party in office for two years before

continues over whether there "If Eden had not been ill after Suez he would have been pushed out," Mar Barnes said, "At the time Harold Macmillan and Rab Butler were working closely together. Macmillan's diaries later showed it

was clear that he thought Eden

would have to go." Rab Butler was widely regarded by the party at large as being the obvious successor but it was Macmillan who became prime minister, as he was preferred by the Cabinet. "The cabinet agreed almost to a man that Macmillan was the one and a large number of backbenchers decided they would not have Butler at any price. In this leadership contest we see the cabinet having a disproportionate influence on the outcome. They really made sure they had the man that they wanted."

After 1962 when Macmillan dismissed seven cabinet ministers, plots against him emerged but it was illness which "forced the leadership contest which was to become the first where the views of the mass party were formally collected", Mr Barnes said. Lord Home was judged the

most acceptable to everyone in this, "the last of the old-style leadership contests." After the Conservatives lost the 1964 general election, a new leadership electoral pro-cess was adopted, allowing for three ballots and it was used for the first time in 1965 after

Home resigned. On July 28, 1965 Edward un occume un of the party to be elected under the new process. In December 1974, two general elections defeats, the leadership rules were changed slightly but significantly so that the ballot result depended on a percentage of all those able to vote rather than a percentage of those who voted. "Abstentions

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counted," Mr Barnes said. Margaret Thatcher, an outsider, beat Mr Heath by 130 to 119. He stepped down. In the second ballot Mrs Thatcher

won decisively.
"The lesson from this is that a successful candidate in this day and age has to take his chances at the first ballot," Mr Barnes said.

Leadership battles within the Labour party have been no less spectacular but less frequent because the party adopted an electoral system to elect leaders at an earlier stage. The most significant change was in the early 1980s when the trade unions became involved in the process.

Significant challenges for the Labour leadership have included threats to Clement Attlee in 1947. "Te heavy boys had decided Attlee must go," said Mr Barnes, and Hugh Gaitskill took over. He was challenged twice in the 1960s and when he died in 1963 there was no obvious candidate. Harold Wilson won the leadership despite the nomination of James Callaghan splitting the vote to the

# Younger primes his team Widely respected at West- The inclusion of Mr Tebbit Moore too minor a figure in

By RICHARD FORD

JUST six days ago George Younger indicated that his business commitments would make it very difficult for him to run a campaign to ensure Margaret Thatcher's re-election as leader of the Conservative party. Over the weekend, however, as the likelihood of a contest increased, Mr. Younger was persuaded to change his mind Mr Younger, a former de-

fence secretary who is chairman of the Royal Bank of Scotland, is to co-ordinate Mrs Thatcher's campaign team. Her choice is likely to have been influenced by his effort last year when he successfully ran her campaign against Sir Anthony Meyer.

minster as a man who plays a and Mr Moore was seen at the party. As a former chief straight bat", he has already admined that his team has a lot of work to do.

In that team are Norman allies on the right of the party ger in offering solid reassur-Tebbit, a former chairman of that Mr Heseltine has been ance to the party.

the party, John Moore, who was dismissed as social security secretary by Mrs. Jopling, a former chief whip. said to be too divisive, and Mr





the prime minister to ensure

courting in recent months.

### During the next few days cabinet ministers will meet small groups of backbenchers hoping to ensure that they back the prime minister. Her team will stress her stature as an international statesman and the danger of changing leaders when there is the

Westminster as an attempt by whip, Mr Jopling, the Conser-the prime minister to ensure vative MP for Westmortand

the allegiance of traditional and Lonsdale, joins Mr Youn-

Others at Westminster eltine's announcement, cabi-

questioned the involvement net ministers offered their of both men. Mr Tebbit was support for the prime min-

# 'inevitable' since Westland

By PHILIP WEBSTER CHIEF POLITICAL

MICHAEL Heseltine may have pressed the go button only yesterday but a well-oiled machine has been in place for several years in readiness for the moment he chose to open his leadership campaign. Norman Tebbit, his arch

opponent in that venture, said esterday that the challenge now under way was inevitable from the day he walked out of the cabinet over the Westland affair. It has seemed that way to most of Westminster.

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£150m, around 4,500 new permanent jobs and

foreign exchange for host countries.

recent days, suggestions of a sudden head-counting ex-ercise beginning only last weekend are wide of the mark. The Heseltine camp has over the past couple of years been told by about 80 MPs that they would back him in a leadership contest. Since Sir Geoffrey Howe's resignation Mr Heseltine's team has been checking that those votes can still be counted upon, and

attempting to add to the tally. Aware of the dangers of raising expectations too high, Michael Mates, in charge of the nuts and bolts of the campaign, has been cautious in his predictions. All the signs were, however, that the initial forecast of 100 pledged votes was being steadily enlarged

yesterday.

Over the next few days a series of former cabinet ministers are likely to publicly

Although activity has in- back Mr Heseltine, creased to a frenzied pace in supporters said yesterday supporters said yesterday, and David Howell, chairman of the all-party foreign affairs committee and the former energy secretary, indicated his support.
Mr Mates, known by MPs

as "The Colonel", and Keith Hampson, MP for Leeds North West, are the two figures most commonly associated with the Heseltine campaign. One of his key advisers over recent years however has been Sir Neil Macfarlane, the

not have to have this camnaign. The outstanding service the prime minister has given the party and country is





# Bruising contest elicits cries of 'foul'

By JAMIE DETTMER

violets but the recent roughhouse tactics employed by supporters of Margaret Thatcher to try to see off a possible leadership challenge from Michael Heseltine has shocked many of them.

There have already been three incidents that have led to cries of foul from the

Over a week ago senior officers from Mr Heseltine's Henley constituency were persuaded by a regional party egent that it was important for them to reply to their MP's open letter about the resignation of Sir Geoffrey Howe. Even before the officers met

several journalists received on MPs opposed to Mrs during the leadership challtelephone calls from Conservative Central Office suggest- Daily Express disclosed seving that Mr Heseltine was going to be rebuked by his local party. Shortly after the reply was drafted, two members of Mr Heseltine's constituency who opposed any lead-ership challenge rang political correspondents to give a version of the meeting that was at odds with the recollection of their local colleagues.

Conservative Central Office yesterday declined to answer

Thatcher. Last weekend the enge: eral personal details about the complicated private life of Tony Marlow, MP for North-ampton North, after he called down: On Tuesday The Sun followed up with a front page devoted to rubbishing, in the parlance of tabloid newspapers, five MPs said to

pport Mr Heseltine. Most backbenchers believe that the two press assaults questions about what has sprung from an over-zealous become known as Henleygate. wish to protect the prime Two other incidents border- minister, Mrs Thatcher coning on a dirty tricks campaign demned The Sun's coverage in

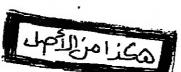
BACKBENCH MPs are gen- to draft a reply in the presence came in the form of personal the Commons. Yesterday, erally far from being shrinking of the agent, Donald Stringer, attacks in tabloid newspapers central office said of its role central office said of its role "We become neutral from this moment on.'

Asked if that meant it had not been neutral last week and earlier this week, a spokesman said: "Of course not. There are now two campaign teams and team's number." Our's? "Yes. you know, Mrs Thatcher's."



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# Officials stay loyal to Thatcher, even in marginal seats

By STAFF REPORTERS

CONFIRMATION of a leadership battle was met with a mixture of relief and irritation by party workers in Conservative marginal seats, where a percentage point change in the polls is closely monitored.

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Even where the Tories have been under strong pressure from the impact of the poll tax, loyalty to the party leader prevailed. In York, where Conal Gregory clings on to his seat by a mere 147 votes, John Hardwick, the constituency party chairman, said the members remain committed to Margaret Thatcher's leadership. "We would not be happy with Michael Heseltine and do feel this is all rather damaging and divisive. We are 100 per cent behind the prime minister," he said.

Jim Cooper, chairman at Chester, where a swing of 4.6 percentage points would dis-lodge Peter Morrison, the prime minister's partiamentary private secretary, puts his faith in the short time span of political memories. "While it is easy to criticise because of the damage it might do to the party, it always surprises me how quickly things are forgotten in politics. In four or five mouths it will be over and done with; maybe for that reason, it is a good idea it is happening now."
He added: "If Michael

will, I presume he can no officer said: "There is no longer sit in the background as heir apparent. He has many qualities and has been promoting himself for some time, so shock, but there has been it is a good idea that we can transitional relief and no one now clear the air."

In Darlington, where Michthat people who consume ael Fallon, the education min-services should pay for them. and would be among a dozen Conservative MPs who would capable of winning the battle.

She is a fighter as we all know, and I cannot see her giving up very easily. A win would probably help her personal standing and certainly I have had no calls from anyone that he would make changes to saying we should switch and back Heseltine.

"He has brains, money, intelligence, all the attributes

necessary, yet he is known for throwing tantrums and I wonder if there is something there that we might not want in a prime minister

In Bolton North East, which the Conservatives hold by 813 votes, there was "whole-hearted support" for Mrs Thatcher and no criticism of her style or the strategy the government was following Heseltine loses, as I think he under her leadership. A party

"People need a change. The

country needs Heseltine now.

I could do an improvement on

opinion was divided. Ray-mond Mobiot, the constit-

However, Peter Owen, the

"Michael has my full support.

There comes a time when one

says enough is enough." He

admitted, though, that opin-ion was as divided in the

constituency as in the Com-

his bair, though."

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ister, has a majority of 2,661 But somewhere along the line the point is being missed that over-spending by Labour councils has to be controlled." conservative MPs who would be defeated by a swing of 3 percentage points, the local party is backing Mrs Thatcher.

Bill Smith, chairman, is clearly annoyed at Sir Geoffiey Howe's attack but be lieves Mrs Thatcher is quize about the approaching concernable of winning the bards. test. The general feeling was that Sir Geoffrey had not been judicious in his way of settling

the community charge an early priority. "On the hypo-thetical chance of him winning the contest, he would still have the same problem of dealing with local councils and county councils that are controlled by Labour, the Liberal Democrats or are hung councils; councils that overspend and are profligate.

He added: "It is bad to change the captains in mid-stream. Mrs Thatcher has been proved right on most issues. Her style of man management may not be as good as it could be, but she can't be good at everything."

In Lancashire West, where the Conservatives hold a

1,600 majority, party officials are recording reaction towards Mr Heseltine's challenge by telephone calls received at party headquarters. Non-party members sympathetic to-wards the Conservatives were evenly divided between the prime minister and Mr Heseltine, but party officials and members were 100 per cent behind Mrs Thatcher.

Two Conservative MPs with small majorities in marginal seats in Nottingham are writing to 3,500 Tory party occasionally plays, a regular summed up the feeling. "She is in a deep bunker," Monta-gue Charkham, a director of Gieves and Hawkes of Savile members in the city to ask their views of the leadership contest. Martin Brandon-Bravo, MP for Nottingham South, had a majority of 2,234 (4.2 per cent) at the last election. Michael Knowles's majority in Nottingham East is 456, or 1 per cent, and is one of the most vulnerable Tory uency Conservative
Association president, said:
"The contest is unnecessary.
The battle is going to damage seats in the county. Labour was runner up in both seats.

Barry Thurnell, the Conservative agent in Nottingham, said yesterday: "They do senuinely want to hear other people's views first. All I can association chairman, said: say is that this morning this office has had approaching 100 calls from members of the party and members of the public, and we have yet to have one phone call in support of Michael Heseltine."

Annette Dickers, chair-woman of the Birmingham, Selly Oak Conscrvative Assomons and the country.

Lieutenant Colonel Peter Blacker, chairman of the Rotherfield Greys and High-moor branch of Mr Hesel-tine's constituency, said he was dismayed that his MP had ciation, said last night: "We support the Prime Minister 100 per cent. No waverers have been brought to my



Odds on: an assistant at William Hill's Westminster betting office yesterday, waiting for leadership flutters

# Betting that is a bookmaker's delight

By RICHARD EVANS

FOR Britain's bookmakers, there is only one winner in the Conservative party leadership contest. Themselves. Within minutes of Michael Heseltine

announcing that he would challenge Mrs Thatcher, the telephones at William Hill were ringing non-stop, with callers en-quiring about odds and wishing to wager large sums. Although there are, at ministers they believe could be involved in a second round vote.

William Hill has accepted two fourfigure bets on Mrs Thatcher to retain the party leadership and make her a hot 2-1 on favourite, while Mr Heseltine has attracted several £400 wagers and is 7-4 against. Douglas Hurd is also well

present, only two candidates, gamblers backed at 8-I, with two £500 bets. are already betting on other cabinet Although John Major is 14-I for the Although John Major is 14-1 for the present contest, his odds to become the next but one Tory leader fell from 10-1 to 5-1 following considerable support.

Graham Sharpe, spokesman for William Hill, said: "It is a bookmaker's delight because we are not laying just one or two runners. We are laying right across the spectrum."

# Tricky task for Hurd's backers

CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A SENIOR Conservative MP, long-time supporter of Margaret Thatcher and opponent of any contest this year, yesterday summed up the dilemma facing many backbenchers as next Tuesday's contest looms.

He has reached the conclusion that the prime minister is now too damaged to lead the Tories to victory at the next election. He believes Douglas Hurd to be the ideal candidate to unify the party, and give it a chance of winning the election.

He does not want Michael Heseltine as his leader. Like many others he will have to decide over the weekend whether the best way of getting Mr Hurd into the winner's enclosure is to back Mr Heseltine on the first ballot on Tuesday, or to abstain.

By abstaining he can help to deny Mrs Thatcher the minimum target of 187 that could be enough to get her through, provided that at that point she has a 56-vote lead over Mr Heseltine. However, by denying Mr Heseltine a positive vote he will help ensure that that minimum target will be sufficient for victory.

If he concludes that Mrs

Thatcher is guaranteed 187 votes from her natural constituency on the right and the government, the best means of ensuring that a second ballot takes place is to vote for Mr Heseltine. The danger in that course is that if too many of his colleagues reach the same conclusion Mr Heseltine would be elected outright on the first ballot.

One MP soid: "MPs are notoriously bad math-ematicians. This is beyond us."

# **Mixed reaction** at home base

By WILLIAM CASH AND DAVID YOUNG

THE offices of Finchley Conservatives were being re-decorated yesterday. Michael Love, the prime minister's agent, does not expect similar Speaking in the manicured drive leading to the imposing

changes at Downing Street.
"We have sent a letter pledging our full support to clubhouse of Finchley golf the prime minister and have course, where Denis Thatcher assured her that we are fully behind her," he said yes-terday. Hanging on a wall behind his desk are prints by William Hogarth depicting Gieves and Hawkes of Savile Row, said.

Century political election.

"The contest won't be any—Heseltine's constinuency, thing like Hogarth," Mr Love said. "Mrs Thatcher will win

The prime minister's constituency is also home to the Middlesex county cricket club The battle is going to damage indoor cricket school. "If she the country, the party and wants any batting practice before Tuesday, we will gladly help her brush up her technique," Robert Atkins, the coach, said.

In the shopping area of Bailards Lane, George Kay, who owns Le Car Centre and voted for Mrs Thatcher at the last election, said he wanted to see Michael Heseltine in power. "Speaking as a pro-fessional, Mrs Thatcher has clocked up excessive mileage," Mr Kay said.

Pedro Ioannia, aged 44, the manager of Hair Pride, a local

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England footballers in Dublin yesterday and England cricketers touring Australia have

someone in common. Jon Smith, the agent

who puts the rich into

sport's rich and famous, talks to

Vicki Woods

Vietnam: who

won the peace?

Richard West returns

to the scene of

America's greatest

overseas trauma and

finds capitalism alive

and well in Saigon, as

the locals still

stubbornly call it

# Mockery in Iraq, caution in Europe

By ALICE THOMSON

caused much revelry in Iraq which may well sink the yesterday, where she was alleged to be possessed by evil spirits. Latif Nazzir al-Jassem, the Iraqi information minister said. "Bassins the describes Sir Geoffrey as the man inside the submarine who pressed the button. ister, said: "Beating the drums of war is part of the acute psychological problems Thatcher is experiencing as she packs her bags to leave the leadership of the Conservative

Europe has reacted more cautiously to the leadership challenge. France, aloof until now, finally joined in the speculation with an article in Le Monde praising Sir Geof-frey Howe's Commons

"In a calm and soothing voice, Sir Geoffrey made an unprecedented attack on the Iron Lady," the paper said, and added that Sir Geoffrey had eased Michael Heschine's bare majority, in which case she should stand down."

Libération devoted a whole page to the subject. "The fall of the house of Thatcher" had preoccupied Britain for the past fortnight, it said, calling Sir Geoffrey the assassin of Mrs Thatcher.

La Repubblica, the popular Thatcher's throne is tottering." The Italian press views the leadership challenge with undisguised relish. With the the European Commission, "a revolt within the party correspon inevitable after Sir Geoffrey's the year.

THE domestic political prob-lems of Margaret Thatcher "The torpedo has been fired "The torpedo has been fired

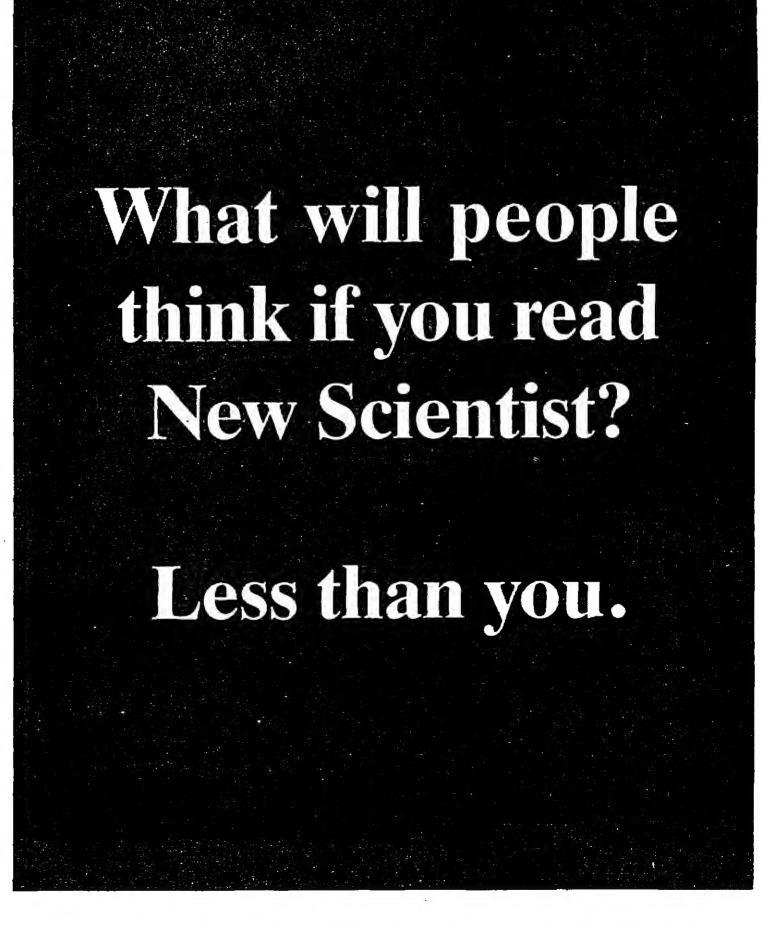
In Norway, the tabloid Verdens Gang says Sir Geof-frey has struck Mrs Thatcher a mortal blow with his broken

Spanish newspapers comment with some amusement. "The Tories have now begun an internal war which has all the aspects of a fight in a neighbourhood courtyard," El Mundo's London correspondent says. The paper places greatest emphasis on the Iron Lady's determination to "pulverise" the opposition.

Only Die Welt, the German newspaper, seems confident of the outcome, "Mrs Thatcher will fight and she will win," the paper says, but adds that, path. "Mrs Thatcher now risks for the Labour party, "Thatchbeing humiliated with only a er as prime minister is the best guarantee for their victory in the next general election".

Few newspapers and no public figures in Europe have ventured any substantial opinion on the outcome of the challenge. Most have no wish to be seen to be taking sides. In Brussels, there is barely-concealed excitement among La Repubblica, the popular many officials at the prospect station newspaper, said: of Mrs Thatcher's

Jacques Delors, president of headline "Big Ben marks the anxious not to be accused of hour of the challenge," the partisanship, has refused to Corriere della Sera considers give interviews to any British correspondent for the rest of



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# Enterprise culture fails to take root

mpts by successive Conserfundamentally the national character and impose Thatcherite values on society, the latest survey from the British Social Attitudes team says today.

Roger Jowell the arrival ment spending are clear, with 61 per cent choosing increased expenditure on the national health service, while one in Roger Jowell, the project director, said: "The enterprise ulture seems to have been a bit of a miss with the majority of people. There is a strong resisted Thatcherism. The prime minister has failed to change hearts and minds."

The survey shows 56 per cent of the electorate in favour of increasing taxes to pay for better social welfare. Researchers found that such a move would attract majority support among all social classes, and was favoured by nearly half of the Conser-

per cent of the electorate less wish. Indeed, attitudes believe that people living on have shifted decisively, even state pensions had less than among supporters of the party

# Bill Frost

health service, while one in five called for greater invest-

Of those questioned 47 per cent believe that private treat-ment in NHS hospitals is bad for the service and 50 per cent hospitals. Three people in four oppose any movement to-wards two-tier health care in which private medical in-surance caters for the better off while the NHS looks after

The British Social Attitudes support among all social sarvey, the seventh the team lasses, and was favoured by nearly half of the Conservatives canvassed.

Only 3 per cent support tax cuts leading to reductions in public spending. More than 75 per cent of the alactorists. sh to make ends meet, of government, in the opposite

welfarist society "obstinately resistant to the lune of the enterprise culture", the survey

For the first time the team has examined Northern Ire-"Religious segregation of neighbourhoods exists there

people in Northern Ireland wish it to remain in the United in Britain wish that, in the long term, it would leave," All shades of British opin-ion believe the best future for the province is union with the

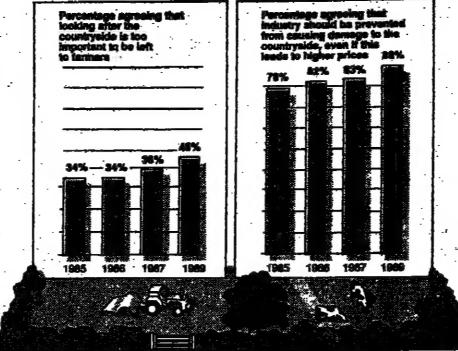
Irish Republic and the re-moval of British troops. In Northern Ireland itself sup-port among the Protestant community for continued union with Britain is virtually unanimous, but even among Roman Catholics backing for the status quo is higher than Religion remains at the

forefront of social and pol-itical life in Northern Ireland to a far more marked extent

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cent of people in the province do not have a religion, against 14 per cent in Britain, while 62 per cent live in religiously segregated communities and only 6 per cent of couples are

The survey found that 77 per cent of people in the province disapprove of homo-sexual relationships and extramarital sex, compared with 55 per cent disapproving in Britain. Religion rather than

social and political division in Northern Ireland, the survey

"Differences between Protestants and Catholics in Britain are minor by contrast. class differences in Britain fail to divide people there to the extent that religion does in Northern Ireland."

About a third of Protestants and 15 per cent of Roman Catholics trust Britain to act confidence in that solution.

Neither community favour appears to be as intracts eyer," the survey concludes.

British Social Attitudes, Seventh Report (Gower Pub-ing Group; £32 hardl £16.95 paperback)

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# Green concern grows as fear of war recedes

CONCERN over environ-mental issues has risen to "remarkably high levels", with widespread anxiety at the threat posed by industrial

There is also considerable inquiet about the effects of cone-depleting gases and the estruction of tropical rain rests. An overwhelming ajority, 85 per cent, said dustry should be prevented. from causing damage to the

nigher prices.
Similarly, 72 per cent said the countryside should be protected even at the expense of jobs. There was disquiet too over farming methods, with 46 per cent saying that looking after the countryside was too important to be left to

Respondents with ingen-hicational qualifications tended to be less trusting towards farmers and less inclined to favour job protection and ower prices at the expense of the countryside, "Labour supporters are rather more likely to favour jobs and lower prices. This suggests that the party may have some diffi-culty in persuading its sup-porters to pay the price of en-vironmental protection," the

There is evidence from the latest findings and past surveys that public concern about cies and energy production is linked with concern over at-mospheric pollution and

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the war source of the early 1980s recedes, increased concorp about the cern about the physical environment may take its place. Thus, wider measures to protect the cavironment are hikely to enjoy high levels of

sounds a warning note: "We do not yet know what price senerations may live to see.

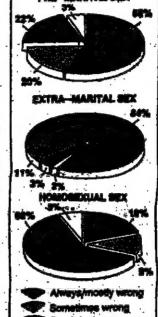
# Qualified tolerance of gays

PUBLIC disapproval of nomosexuality has lessened as anxiety about Aids abates, the survey says. However, 68 per cent of those questioned by researchers still believe that homosexual relations are alays, or mostly, wrong.

Although a trend towards teater tolerance has reasserted itself, large minorities (39 per cent) still believe it is unacceptable for a homo-sexual to be a teacher in higher education, or to hold a responsible position in public life (37 per cent), and about half the exuals should not be allowed to teach in primary or second-

universal awareness that male nearly two thirds of the British public also think that lesbians lowest risk groups. The survey says that, perhaps from growacknowledge that occasional marital infidelity is risky, although 60 per cent still believe it is. About one in twenty of those questioned the HIV virus.

cent believe that Aids sufferers have themselves to blame. Respondents over 55 are far more likely to take that view than younger people. How-ever, in apparent contradic-



with Aids should receive more sympathy from society. Even so, only 43 per cent support should be spent on finding a

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# Working women defend their role

BRITISH women of working age are more fiercely opposed than ever to the suggestion that their place is at home with the children. Almost 70 per cent of those approached by survey researchers rejected the proposition that "a wife's job is to look after the home and the family". In 1984 only 50 the family". In 1984 only 50 per cent disagreed.

Two in three women aged 18 to 59 also believe that

having a job is the best way to establish personal indepen-dence. Only one in five, ver, says that the family woman works. In general, older women hold less egalitarian views than younger

Men are less liberal in nearly every respect, particuhearly every respect, particularly over women combining work with family responsibilities. Only one in seven men believes that a woman and her family will be happier if she come out to mark her happens. goes out to work. But husads of women with paid jobs are considerably more egalitarian in their attitudes than those who are sole

Marriage remains a very popular institution, though

ELTERALY & advisable for young people to live together before making a final commitment to each other. Only 4 per cent would

advise living together permanently without formalising the Considerable concern is registered over how children fare in single-parent families. respondents believe a single

patent can bring up a child as well as a married couple. The same question was put to respondents in four countries besides Britain: the United States, the Irish Republic, The Netherlands and Hungary. "Answers in all five countries were unabashedly sexist, with mothers being judged the more com-petent to bring up a child

alone," the survey says. In Britain only three in ren people believe that divorce should be made more difficult, and about half of those answering researchers' questions believed that the law should stay as it is. But only 17 per cent say divorce should

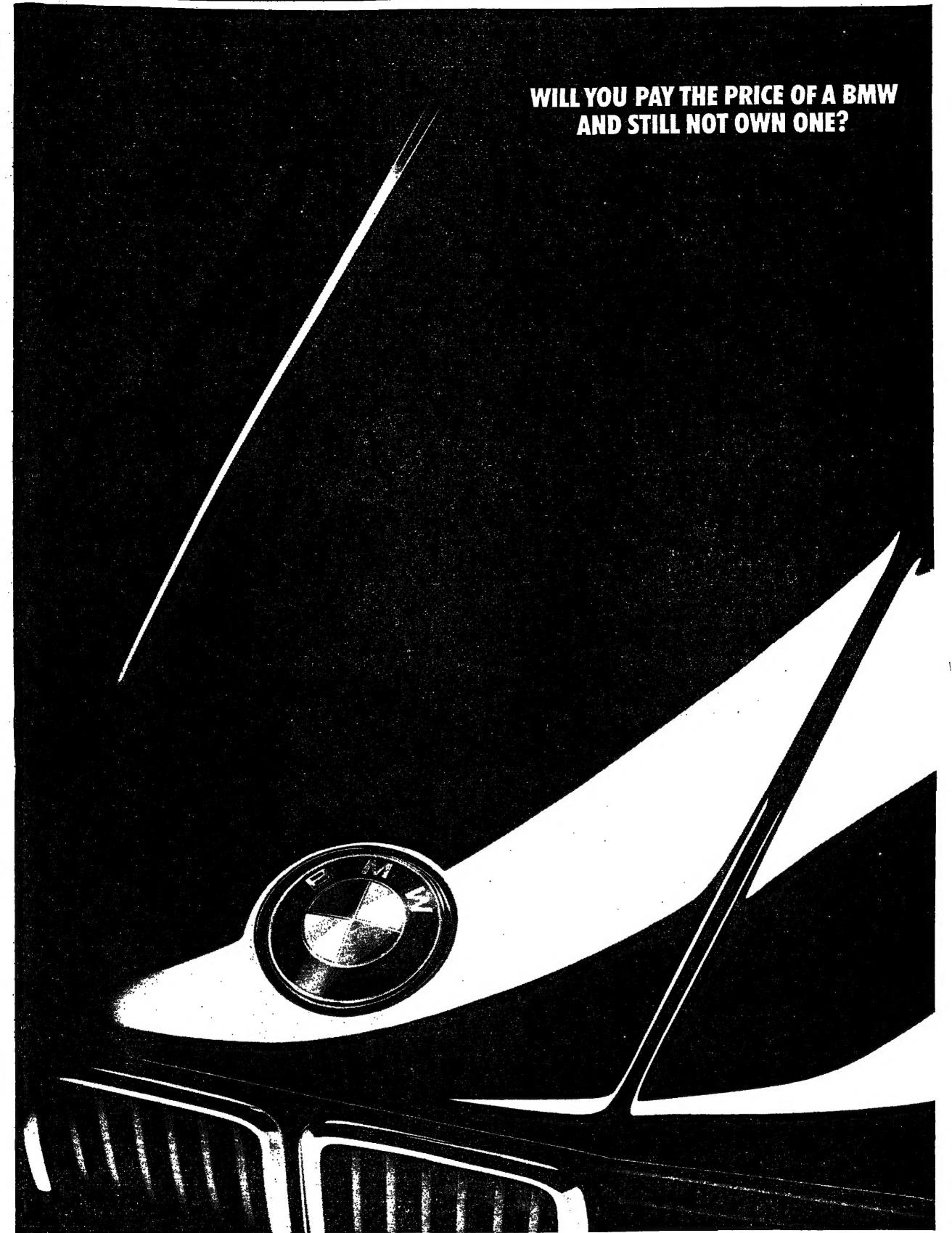
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# Man left strangled girl for dead on Downs, court told

AN UNEMPLOYED labour- and he grabbed her from that she had been rendered er snatched a girl aged seven as behind round her waist and unconscious by suffocation. It she roller-skated home and put her into the boot, which is the Crown's case that the drove her in the boot of his car was then shut. Despite her assailant intended her to be to a beauty spot, where he left tender years she is a child of unavailable to give evidence her for dead after a vicious great presence of mind and in against him, to kill her and he sexual assault, a court was told yesterday.

The girl survived the attempt to strangle her at Devif's Dyke, a landmark on the South Downs, in East Sussex, and was able to describe her ordeal to police, Lewes Crown Court was told.

Ann Curnow, QC, for the prosecution, said that on February 4, the girl, from Brighton, went to a corner shop but found it closed. She was returning home when she saw a red car with the boot open. "She went past a man whom she had not seen before

# £344,000 damages for farmer

A farmer who lost the chance to take over the tenancy of an Essex farm after his father's death because of his solicitor's negligence was yesterday awarded £344,000 by the High

Roger Layzell, aged 46, had hoped to take over the tenancy of the farm in Pebmarsh. An error by his solicitors meant. however, that an application to the Agricultural Land Tribunal was not made within three months of the death and a notice to quit was served.

### Ballot arrests

Police investigating alleged ballot rigging within the Transport and General Work-ers' Union yesterday arrested two women activists based in Liverpool, They were later released without charge. The arrest of the women, who were members of the union but not used officials, followed the arrest earlier in the week of seven people by Scotland Yard They were also released

### Cling film move

The Tesco supermarket chain withdrawing cling film yesterday after the government's warning that chemicals in the food wrapping could be harmful. The company has acted pending new instructions on have feelings of depression, packs in line with recommendations made by food experts.

### Fraud raids

Sixteen people were arrested yesterday in dawn raids by Flying Squad detectives investigating benefits frauds. The arrests in Lancashire, Cumbria and Scotland follow an enquiry into frauds involving hundreds of thousands of pounds. Police said more arrests were likely.

### 350 jobs go

Philips, the Dutch electronics firm, is to cut 350 jobs in England, it announced yesterday. The cuts will mean redundancy for a quarter of the 1,200 staff at the Philips components factory at Belmont, Durham. Another 50 jobs will go at Simonstone, Lancashire.

### Suicide verdict

The actress Jill Bennett took a drug overdose while depressed over the break-up of a love affair, an inquest at West minster Coroner's Court was told yesterday. Dr Paul Knapman, the coroner, re-corded that Miss Bennett, aged 58, who was found dead at her London home on October 5, committed suicide.

### Lib Dem choice

Bob Ingham, a Macclesfield councillor, has been chosen to contest Clwyd North-West for the Liberal Democrats. The seat is held by the deselected Conservative MP Sir Anthony Meyer. Mr Ingham, aged 59, is an environmentalist educated at University College of North Rough times ahead for BA

served certain things in the

the lid with some success." At Devil's Dyke the man he placed his hands over her mouth and round her neck until she was left "mercifully unconscious".

The court was told that the irl, who was abducted on the Whitehawk estate on the outskirts of Brighton, was sex-ually assaulted after being str-angled. Her clothing was then thrown away or buried and she was left for dead in undergrowth. But she came to and

was able to go for help.

She asked the first people she met: "Are you kidnappers?" They took her to a golf club near by, where police were alerted and 482 officers spent the following day searching the Downs.

Russell Bishop, aged 24, a father of two children, from

Lewes Road, Brighton, denies kidnapping, attempted murwith intent to enable him to commit indecent assault, and indecent assault,

During her 20-minute car ride across 14 miles of countryside, the girl hit the lid of the boot with a hammer she found there to try to attract attention until the driver shouted at her to be quiet. She also planned to try to escape but did not have a chance before losing consciousness, the court was told.

Miss Curnow said: "She remembers nothing until she came to, stark naked in the bushes feeling sick and very dizzy. As she started to get out of the bushes she stumbled. She emerged onto a track on the Dyke in a really dreadful condition. The Crown's case is

spite of her ordeal she ob- left thinking she was dead."

Miss Curnow said that the boot and tried to hammer on couple who found her noticed "this apparition coming towards them, naked and bleedtransferred her to the back seat ing and crying with her hair of his red Ford Cortina where matted". She asked them to take her to her mummy and daddy. As they put her in the back seat of their car and covered her with clothes she asked whether she was being kidnapped again.

The girl's skating boots and other clothing were later discovered, together with a tracksuit allegedly worn by Mr Bishop, who was arrested the day after the assault.

Fragments of paint from the inside of the boot of Mr Bishop's car were allegedly matched by forensic scientists with flakes found on the girl's skating boots. Fibres from her jumper were said to have been found on the tracksuit bottoms and in the boot.

Miss Curnow says that according to DNA genetic fingerprint testing the chances of semen found on the tracksuit bottoms not being Mr Bishop's were allegedly one in 80 million.

The court was told that at an identity parade three days after the assault, the defendant was noticed allegedly altering his appearance by wetting his hair. The parade was delayed while his hair was dried. The girl, who inspected the line-up through a mirror, was asked if she could point out the man who attacked her. She said: "I think it was number nine."

Number nine was Mr Bishop. Later, her mother told the jury: "She is bright, observant and some people say she is a little bit of an old head on young shoulders. But then again she can still be a child

# Cosy notions of rural life 'are belied by reality'

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS REPORTER

and lack of hope as deep as any felt in the inner cities, the Right Rev Peter Nott, Bishop of Norwich, told the General Synod of the Church of England yesterday. He said: "The scale of rural

masked by its surroundings, but the experience is as real and equally heart-rending." on Rural Areas, whose 400-page report, Faith In The Countryside, was designed to shatter the illusion of the rural idyll, added: "It is difficult sometimes to believe in this crisis, because it is hard to understand that someone can be deprived who lives in beautiful surroundings." To discuss finance would be to miss the point of the report, which highlighted a conflict in church life between the de-

mands of the economy and the demand of faith. Sir Douglas Lovelock, First Church Estates Commissioner, said, however, that the re-



Gummer: mest agriculture

PEOPLE living in rural areas port could hardly have come at a worse time, because money was tight and would become even more so. Each of the five big reviews proposed by the report could cost up to £30,000 a year for two or three years, he said. A recommendation to raise the clergy stipend to £14,000 and give some clerproblems may be less, and it is gymen's wives £2,000 a year

would cost £60 million a year. The report, which was referred to the synod's standing The bishop, vice-chairman of committee for further consid-the Archbishops' Commission eration, will be noted in the eration, will be noted in the House of Lords today. Dr Robert Runcie, Archbishop of Canterbury, said: "The withdrawal of local facilities of all sorts, the shrivelling of transport facilities, the real poverty often hidden by apparent rural affluence, these are matters made clear in this report and help to dispel cosy notions of the countryside.

> The publication of Faith In The City; an earlier church report, resulted in the Church Urban Fund, which has raised £15 million towards its £18 million target. No similar fund is proposed for the rural church, although the synod agreed to appoint a rural officer. Dr Runcie said: "I hope that our debate will not be obsessed by the question of cost, important though that is." John Gummer, the agri-

culture minister and a member of the House of Laity, said the church had to accept that most decisions about agriculture were made in Brussels. The Right Rev Michael Ball, Bishop of Truro, said that only one-third of the people in his diocese were economically active and in full-time employment. He added that there was a "heavy hearted hopelessness" many country areas.

decisions made in Brussels

# Prison regime that thrives on therapy

This week David Waddington, the home secretary, promised to step up treatment for jailed sex offenders. **Quentin Cowdry visited Grendon** jail, Buckinghamshire, where violent criminals receive intensive therapy

most debonair in his striped shirt and brilliant white Reebok trainers. "Physically it's easy - but mentally it's something else."

The assessment deserves scrious consideration as Paul, serving three life terms, has spent most of the past 25 years involuntarily testing prison regimes. It was only when he came to Grendon jail in Buckinghamshire, however, that anyone tried to explain why, since the age of ten, he had been committing crimes.

For the first eight years after his conviction for multiple manslaughter, Paul was the toughest of the tough in jail. But his hardness was largely a veneer and two years ago, in a shared cell at Long Lartin maximum security jail, the coating finally

He recalls: "I insisted on being moved into the segregation block. I just couldn't take it any more. I had to have help." It seemed as though he had reached his despair marked the beginning of his recovery. Shortly afterwards, he was trans-ferred to Grendon.

Today Paul, whose sur-name The Times has decided not to disclose, appears a transformed personality. Where there was once aggression and hopelessness there is now geniality and an almost visible sense of purpose. He talks openly, though with painful remorse,

bird I've done," says Paul, a his girlfriend's infidelity and tall, fresh-faced prisoner, alviolence. His chances of being moved soon to a category C jail or even an open prison are now consid-

ered good. Grendon, which lies outside the village of Grendon Underwood, near Aylesbury, is a maverick prison, an islet penal progressiveness that, 27 years after its opening, has lost none of its shock value. On every level, the contrast with the rest of the prison estate is marked.

Whereas many prisoners can look forward to only a few hours "unlock" each day, Grendon's inmates spend almost as much time outside their cells as in them. Staff-inmate relations in most jails are distant, with prison officers insisting on strict observance of rules, but at Grendon the atmosphere amicable and prisoners help to make the rules. Therapy in other jails is often little more than a 15-minute monthly chat with a psychiatrist; in Grendon it is on tap around-the-clock.

Grendon, to an extent that horrifies many prison offi-cers, is a genuine community where a whole raft of decisions, ranging from what should be on the menu each day to whether a prisoner should be ejected from the jail, are taken jointly by staff

The regime is focused on attempting to confront and alter the offending behaviour of some 200 mainly violent criminals. Staff prefer that



Community spirit: Ken Smedley, an officer at Greadon jail, chatting to an immate

prison's arduous, 12-week induction course as no-one, they point out, can have therapy forced upon them. About 75 per cent of applicants are accepted.

Every week there are three four-hour therapy sessions, the inmates on each wing dividing into five groups to encourage debate. At the end of the discussions, overseen normally by an officer, psychologist or psychiatrist,

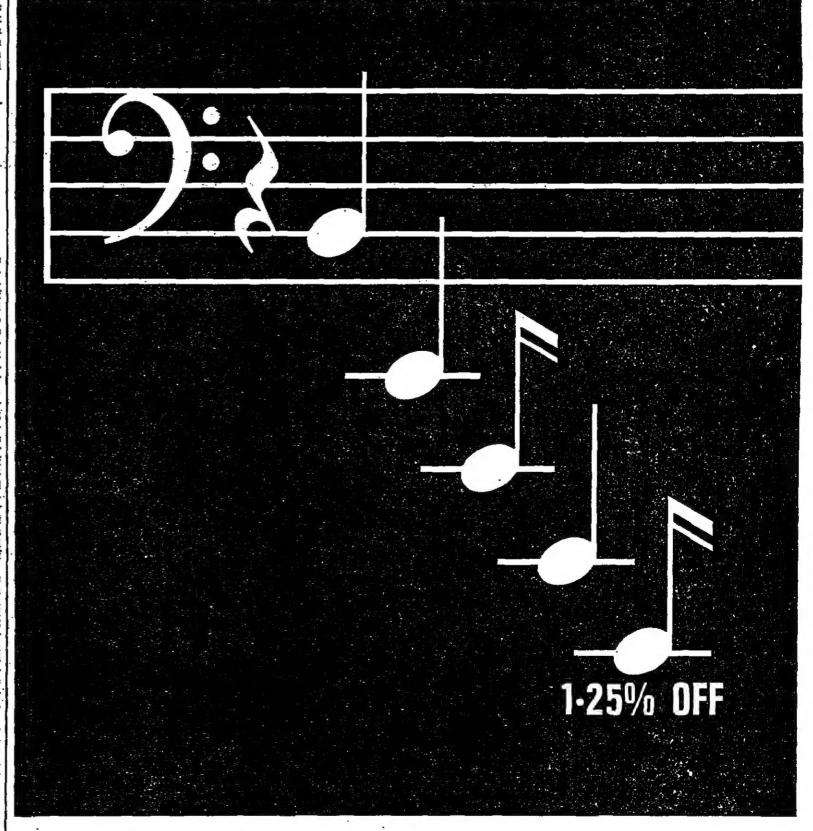
all inmates and staff on the wing convene to discuss

Research shows that former Grendon inmates are not less likely to reoffend after release from jail, but staff point out that studies have taken insufficient account of how deep-rooted the average Grendon inmate's criminality is. When they do relapse, their offences are generally less severe.

David Saunders Wilson,

the prison's young assistant governor, also says that Grendon has proportionately fewer disciplinary hearings than any other British jail and has never suffered an escape or serious assault on a

member of staff. He recalls the day that a burly convicted murderer ambled into a therapist's office and placed a large hunting knife on the table, saying: "I feel safe here. I don't need this any more



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privatised.

By Harvey Elliott, air correspondent Warmaby, the airline's chair- tion in return for a promise of investors and unions were man, said that all airlines were no compulsory redundancies. warned yesterday to prepare experiencing difficulties. The airline was on target for for one of the roughest patches mainly because of the Gulf

of turbulence encountered by tensions. "The airline industry is flying through some rather in the wake of the invasion of uncomfortable turbulence, Kuwait Passengers were told that some flights could be can- he said. British Airways is celled at a moment's notice if not immune from this but we the service proved un- believe that with strong management we will be able to tors that despite record £320 withstand the current diffi-

would be held to 2.8p a share.

Talks are to be held with unions that radical unions today in an effort to

sharp increase in oil prices and the rise in the value of sterling BA's overall yields are de-

pressed as fewer people travel by Concorde or first-class and it is meeting increased com-petition from American carriers and a concerted drive within the European Community to force its local competition policy on leading airlines.

Pressure

grows on

Malan to

resign

Johannesburg — General Magnus Malan, the South African defence minister, is under fresh pressure to resign after a judicial commission confirmed that a covert mili-

tary unit took the law into its own hands in a murderous conflict with the African Nat-

ional Congress and its allies (Gavin Bell writes).

Critics across the political

and racial spectrum demand-

yesterday after the official enquiry found that the covert Civil Co-operation Bureau

employed convicted murder-

ers to "try. sentence and

punish" perceived enemies of the state in the 1980s.

Mr Justice Louis Harms,

the commission chairman, said that the minister was

responsible for the bureau but General Malan said be could

not be held responsible for

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# Australia seeks UK help in new clean-up of nuclear test site

By Robert Cockburn and Our Foreign Staff

THE most comprehensive study yet of outback contamination caused by British nuclear tests in Australia was tabled in the Canberra parliament yesterday, and will form the basis of fresh demands that Britain contribute towards a new clean-up of the

talks in the new year with the UK government on the future of the Maralinga range in South Australia. But although the study confirms that plutonium contamination of the site is more extensive than has ever been admitted, the Foreign Office in London yesterday stood by the position that Britain was absolved from further responsibility by agreements with Canberra in

The four-year study was conducted by the so-called Technical Assessment Group, consisting of Australian, Britconsisting of Australian, Briting waste from the tests, ish and American scientists. It including some 50 lb of weapwas set up after a Royal Commission in 1985 rejected clearance of the test range was sdequate, and recommended that Britain hear the cost of a its radioactive contents into

new clean-up. Complete re-habilitation of lands that Aborigines were driven from by the tests between 1953 and 1963 would cost more than \$Aus650 million (£250 million). The Australian government will almost certainly opt for a cheaper solution, and the Maralinga Aborigines are ready to enter negotiations. However, argument over who pays would be revived in any new talks between the two

The study says that an area of 13 square miles of aboriginal land north-west of the restricted Maralinga range will itable. More than 38 square miles has radiation levels of from five to 20 millisieverts. An area approaching 580 square miles has contamina-tion of one millisievert, which is deemed safe by the study.

The detective work in tracons-grade pitttonium covered by sand in 1967, is a remarkable achievement for the scientists. They discovered each device had burned a record of

urity scare for the Ministry of Defence in London last year, when it stopped full publica tion of this data, fearing aspiring nuclear powers such as Iraq could gain vital information on plutonium amounts and purity. The study also considered

the danger posed by radiation to a desert community such as the Aborigines. The Maralinga Aborigines have been de-scribed as ideal guinea pigs living in an outdoor laboratory for examination of survival conditions after a nuclear war. A tribal commi nity who hunt, eat and sleep in the open, they often go barefoot and wear thin clothes. making them vulnerable to dust-borne contamination.

The Labor government of Bob Hawke is understood to favour a partial clean-up and fencing of the dangerous area, costing between \$Aus30 million and SAus60 million. The Maralinga Tjarutja Aborigines say they seek a practical solution, not a "moral victory", and will accept compensation for the loss of the



ara theatre in Tekye. The Prince performance last night. The Weish Opera visit to Japan is part of the UK90 cultural exchange programme.

that overseas activity by big business in sensitive areas such as the tropical rainforests, oceans and develop countries had become a legitim liers as well as shareholders.

The prince told presidents and

to good corporate citizenship "firmly based on the principles of sustainab the great peaceful post-war resurge of Japan's industry, Japan has led the world in the concept of 'eser-friendly' products. What we need now is an extension of this concept to the world around us. Business must become world-friendly'. And here again, Japan can show us the way."

Japan pays credit, page 24

# Man kills 11 in New Zealand rampage

From JEREMY HART

A GUN-obsessed loner rampaged through a New Zealand seaside hamlet for almost 24 hours, killing 11 men, women and children before he was

shot dead by police yesterday.

David Gray, aged 33, who
was armed with two hunting rifles and a revolver, killed a fifth of the population of Aramoena when he went beserk on Tuesday night.

Residents huddled in their homes as Gray first fired randomly at his neighbours then stalked the picturesque community, leaving a trail of scattered bodies. His unhindered movement made it difficult for a 150-strong

police force to surround him. Finally, an anti-terrorist squad stormed the house in which Gray was hiding. Tear gas flushed Gray, dressed in a military-style pullover and balaciava, into the open, where he shot one policeman in the ankle. The volley of uning fire hit Gray in the chest and head, killing him.

Most of the victims had not been identified last night, but the mass killing is thought to have left at least three members of one family dead, as well as Leo Wilson, aged six, Chris Cole, aged 61, a Lon-don-born fisherman, and Stu-

art Guthrie, aged 41, a local policeman and father of three. A neighbour of Gray's wit-nessed the shooting and said be could not believe it when he realised who it was. "I looked up and saw shots recocheting off a parked utility car (van) and people screaming and diving for cover," Darrin Gibbs said.

The police announced an enquiry, while politicians pressed for an urgent review of

gun laws. Further weapons and ammunition were found in Gray's house. He was described as a gun-mad loner by neighbours. According to un-confirmed reports, Gray had recently tried to buy an AK47

"the unauthorised activity of five or six people". He was supported by President de Klerk, who said: "I can find no reason to condemn the politicians in charge for the way they carried out their duties The ANC said the minister should resign and all irregular military units should be disbanded.

Delhi fighting

Delhi - Hindus, Muslims and Sikhs fought running battles in the streets of Old Delhi as the communal conflagration that has created havoc scross northern India reached the capital for the first time. At least two people were shot dead and one was stabbed to death when a Sikh peace march turned ugly. Tensions were high because a Sikh holy book had been burnt by

**Debts wiped out** Brassels - About 69 of the world's poorest countries are to have all their debts to the EC wiped out under a plan put forward by the European Commission Informal soundings among EC member states found widespread support for the move, one of the key demands of the African, Caribbean and Pacific nations in recent negotiations with Brussels for a new Lome trade and aid convention.

Pakistan sell-off Karachi - The new Pakistani government of Mian Nawaz Sharif, the prime minister, is to sell off state-owned banks, ce, and financial institutions, and sweep away bureaucratic controls on investment, Mr Sharif told industrialists in Islamabad that all nationalised industries would soon be returned to the private sector in an attempt to free the economy from state

and bureaucratic controls. Nevada go-ahead Washington - The American energy department said that a nuclear weapon test in Ne-vada would go ahead, despite claims by the environmental group, Greenpeace, that three British women had infiltrated the site to protest at Britain's involvement. Greenpeace said it was in contact with the women, Lorna Richardson, aged 25, Jane Gregory, aged 27, both of London, and Juley Howard, aged 23, of Bristol.

Cancer hope The US Food and Drug. Administration has approved the first clinical use of gene therapy in cancer patients, a treatment that some scientists believe will revolutionise medicine. The method is to be

tried first on an unnamed middle-aged man with malig-nant skin cancer.

# Shogun sets scene for a Broadway smash

From Charles Bremner in New York

struck Shogun, the most am- failed to do. bitious new production of the man and knocked him out.

since the Marquis theatre was their reviews for the long-awaited and troubled spectacle, which holds its première features much-scripted de-struction, including a life-like shipwreck and a gut-wrench-

Washington, had just finished declaring his love to his Japanese mistress when there

THE iinx of ancient Japan scheming Jesuits had so far

Two surgeons in the audi-Broadway season, for the ence brought 20th-century umpteenth time on Tuesday succour and the curtain came when some of the show's high-tech scenery fell on the leading sure of the fate of Captain Blackthorne, the marooned The accident could hardly English sea-captain caught up have come at a worse time in the turmoil of old Japan. Casnoff was taken to hospital packed with critics preparing with concession but is expected to be well enough to

The incident was the latest today after a try-out: run in of a chain of misfortunes. In Washington and previews in the Washington run, which New York. The \$6 million (£3 was panned by the local critics million) musical version of but sold out to the public, the James Clavell's epic novel machinery kept jamming. The show was trimmed by 45 shipwreck and a gut-wrench-ing earthquake, but the falling York public, with some of the scenery was accidental songs of Paul Chihara, the Scenery was accidental.

Philip Casnoff, the leading man brought in last month after a difficult trial run in actor, was dropped from the role of Blackthorne as insufficiently glamorous.

Casnoff, a 33-year-old was a flash and a crash and a American who starred in the large Japanese screen fell on short-lived Broadway produc-him, achieving what numer-tion of Chess, was given two ous minjes, evil warlords and weeks to learn the part.



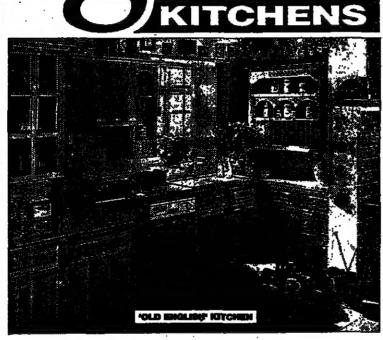
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# Britain will play leading role in EC, Major says

A CLEAR message that the wrong way to approach Britain intends to play a such important decisions. leading role in the future What was needed was a condevelopment of Europe was structive, practical approach. delivered to the Commons That was the appoach the yesterday by John Major, the Community had been fol-Chancellor of the Exchequer. lowing over the past five years Speaking on the last day of

the country for so long.

ion in particular had occupied

not surprising because there was a great deal at stake.

pean monetary union owed almost everything to pressure

for closer political integration.

That was the message from the Rome council. But that was

Vacancies

for 1,470

teachers

There were 1,470 vacan-

cies for teachers in schools in England at the start of

term in September, and 561

of those were in Greater London, Mr Michael Fallon,

a junior education minister, said yesterday. He said in a written

answer that all 109 local

had responded to an edu-

cation department sur-

vey of vacancies. The

figures showed that they

cancies during the summer.

Mr Fallon said that 21,757

teacher training courses last

Bird plan goes

The government's reluc-tant proposal to introduce

ers and others to kill "pest"

times and in specific places

topher Patten, environment

the European Commission

ment of EC rules that will

Church cash

A central government grant of £11.5 million to-

wards the cost of repair-ing cathedrals will enable

the scheme to be estab-lished on a sound footing.

Christopher Patten, en-vironment secretary, told

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Questions: Home Office; prime

minister. Debate on EC documents on indirect

Lords (3): Census (Con-

fidentiality) Bill, second

reading. Debate on rural

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MPs at questions.

has been dropped, Chris-

secretary, said, because

is preparing an amend-

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In a separate answer,

students had enrolled for

year, compared with 16,725 in 1985.

had worked hard to fill more than 23,500 va-

education authorities

the six-day debate on the "It has built on the un-Queen's speech, he said that doubted discipline of the ex-Britain intended to play a change-rate mechanism with central role and, furthermore, the Deutschmark providing the other 11 European Comthe anchor. The result has been an impressive degree of convergence on low inflation With Margaret Thatcher sitin much of Europe."

ting beside him, Mr Major told MPs that the whole The whole government was agreed on the need to continue that successful evolutionary government was agreed on the need to continue an evoluapproach in the further moves tionary approach to European now under discussion towards integration. He made clear his economic and monetary intebacking for the prime minister gration. The government's and predicted that when the proposals were practical, realistic ideas and they would promote convergence and ecogeneral election came the people would vote for the courage and conviction with nomic integration beyond which Mrs Thatcher had led Delors stage one. They would enable the 12 members of the In recent months policy on Europe and the debate on EC to move forward together.

The fact that some European figures attacked Britain's economic and monetary unproposals should not worry centre stage, he said. That was them because their proposals were gathering ground and they would gather more adherents as the inter-governmental conference in Rome next month got down to details. But the rapid push towards the Delors version of Euro-

One of the points on which they all agreed at the Rome council was that there needed to be a substantial next stage that should involve the further development of the ecu.

"At present, the only worked-up proposals for stage two are ours and the Spanish proposals which are similar to ours. The conference that starts next month will determine the future direction of the Community. It is therefore of enormous importance not just for this country but for the Community as a whole and the wider Europe as well. We face some difficult negotiations, but the House should remember we are not yet really in the middle of the process. The conference bas not yet started. There is a long way to go.

"But we should not under estimate the strong desire both here and among our partners that we should not be sidelined. Our European partners want the United Kingdom in the centre of the Community We have played a leading role in recent years in the creation of an open Community based on free trade and the abolition of barriers. Our partners know would not have been achieved but for the leadership of the prime minister."

Opening the debate, John Smith, the shadow chancellor, challenged the government to say clearly whether the econ-

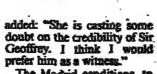
omy was in recession. He said that Mr Major's tactic was to query the definition of recession and to suggest that an assessment could not be made when so many diffeent definitions existed. The chancellor was "shpping from one definition to another like a bird flying around a cage looking for a statustical perch to rest on".

However, in the autump statement, Mr Major bad predicted a drop in output for four quarters in succession That was a serious recession and the chancellor should stop querying and quibbling.

Mr Smith said that the government lacked credibility in the financial markets and he cited Sir Geoffrey Howe's comments about the exchange-rate mechanism.

"We now know that the prime minister only agreed to the decision in principle to join the ERM when she was cornered by the chancellor and the foreign secretary and threatened with their resignations unless she made a declaration that she would

Mr Smith said that the prime minister was "taken at pistol point" to join. When the prime minister appeared to disagree with his words, he



The Madrid conditions, to be met before Britain joined, had been "hocus pocus" from the start. They had been there to get the prime minister off the book. Mr Smith asked if the hard-een plan was an alternative to the single currency or was an alternative quoted Mrs Thatcher as saying she did not believe that the formula would develop into a single currency; and Norman retary, saying that a single currency would be achieved more quickly by going down

Some say one thing Some say another. No wonder ... the prime minister's difficulty is that she cannot unite the cabinet behind her European He said: "Does it or does it

not lead to a single currency. Is it intended to be a failure as a policy or a success?" Unless the lack of credibility would



approach to these important decision

# Ridley support for Thatcher's **Europe stance**

ignation. He described "a feeling that we were being pushed along into a single currency and that we were

being bullied and in the end

we would be forced to join

because nobody was really taking the trouble to stop it.

"The country is very

apprehensive. They want to

know more about it first, but

what they do know they do not

like. They actually want a very

He said that the prime

minister's domestic audience

preferred her style to that of

Sir Geoffrey. Mrs Thatcher, he

argued, was right to try to

persuade the other 11 coun-

tries of the mistake that they

were making, of the dangers to Europe itself and of the dan-

the nations of Europe actually

want to go to a single currency

there was a strong case for

persuading the other nations

not to proceed with the single

currecny. "If they insist, there

is a very much stronger case

for us opting out".

"She is right to offer the

gers to Britain.

firm stand to be taken."

NICHOLAS Ridley, the for-mer trade secretary, declared strong support for the prime minister's stance on Europe esterday and said that Sir Geoffrey Howe did not differ from her in substance.

in the second resignation speech to be delivered to the Commons in successive days, Mr Ridley said that Margaret Thatcher was right to be firm about a single European He responded to Sir Geof-

frey's speech, delivered 24 hours earlier with an emphasis on a middle way, by setting out the options as the hard ecu, a compulsory single currency or leaving things roughly as they were. Mr Ridley said: "He did not

was. I have to conclude that he hard ecu as a feasible alter-native which will test whether does not actually have a point of difference of substance with Mr Ridley, who resigned after his anti-German remarks It leaves the option with them instead of pushing it at them." Mr Ridley maintained that in an interview with the Spectator caused widespread

tell us what the middle way

He said that he had received many letters of support, including a large number from young people, since his res-

protest, told MPs that he did

**Police** want new soccer powers

Police officers asked MPs potential football hooligans outside grounds and to keep troublemakers away from matches (Sheila Gunn writes).

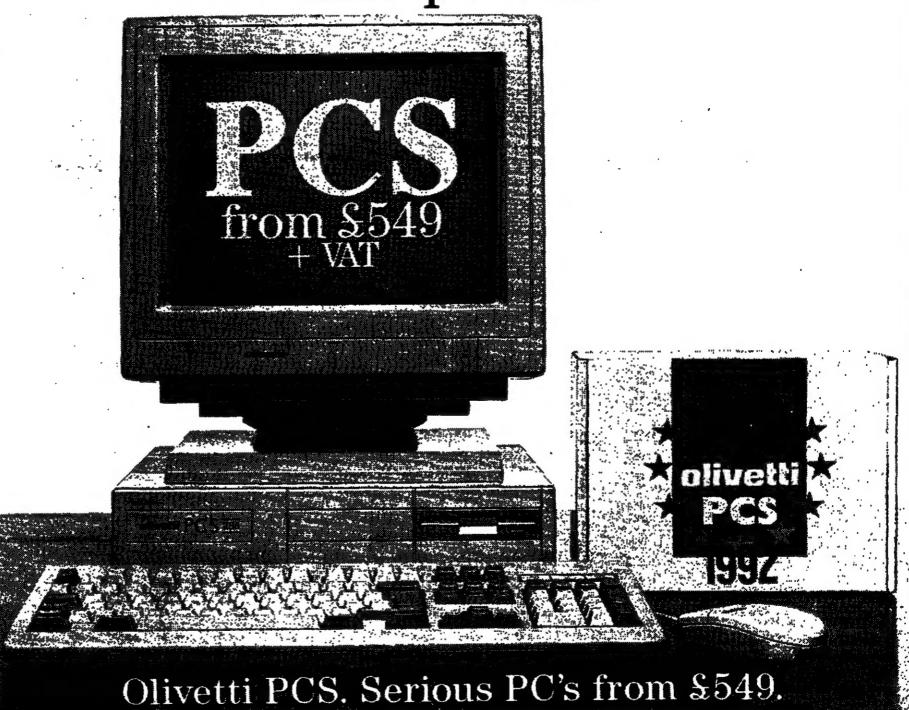
James Anderton, Greater Manchester chief constable, complained about the difficulty of arresting leaders of organised gangs of troublemakers who orchestrated their campaigns from outside

Giving evidence to the Commons home affairs committee, Mr Anderton suggested that exclusion orders could be extended to stop known hooligans from going anywhere near a football

He also called for the four new offences against football hooligans announced by David Waddington, the home secretary, this week to be introduced in the criminal justice bill this session instead of waiting for future legisla-tion. The offences, recommended by Lord Justice Taylor's report on the Hil-Isborough disaster, deal with ticket touts, pitch invasions and speciators who throw missiles or chant racist or

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# commission report Faith in the Countryside. 'Jam tomorrow' taunt from junior minister

MICHAEL Heseltine was accused by a minister of promis-ing "jam tomorrow" when Labour MPs taunted the goverament over the prospect of a new Conservative party leader during Commons questions on the community charge.

Robert Key, junior environment minister, was responding to a suggestion by David Blunkett, the Labour MP, that the government had 2 prob-lem over poll tax which it needed to address before the next general election.

Mr Blunkett did not mention Mr Heseltine by name, but Mr Key said: "I gather that Mr Heselune is promising jam tomorrow in much the same way as we have heard the Labour party promising jam

might be swept away by a new party leader was voiced by Bryan Gould, shadow cuvir-

onment spokesman. He asked Chris Patten, environment secretary, if he would be telling MPs next week that, under new leadership, the poll tax was, after all, a terrible mistake.

Mr Patten responded that Labour-controlled local authornues had "clobbered" and "fleeced" businesses with high rates in the past, putting up their bills by more than the rate of inflation year after

He accused Mr Gould of being coy about saying exactly how much external finance for local authorities should have been increased for next year.



West wins

# Polish border treaty leaves expelled Germans embittered

GERMANY and Poland yesterday ended more than 40 initialling by the new year years of political feuding by jointly recognising and confirming the Oder-Neisse line as the frontier between the two

But Germans expelled from Eastern Europe after the second world war bitterly at-tacked the treaty, branding it as an illegal deal based on

Since the border is now in effect between the European Community and the rest of the continent, the accord - signed only six days after a meeting between Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, and Tadeusz Mazowiecki, the Polish prime minister, is considerably more than a bilateral issue. Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the German foreign minister, indicated the treaty would open Poland's way into Europe. "The unequestioned border does not divide, but join. This is the beginning of a joint European mission." In practical terms, this

seems to mean that Germany will champion Poland's attempts to be affiliated with, and eventually join, the community. Herr Genscher also made plain that visa restrictions on Poles would be eased by the end of the year, and that Bonn would urge similar concessions from signatories of the Schengen greement, smoothing travel to the Benelux countries.

The treaty and a much broader general agreement on "good neighbourly relations"

unification would bring them

of a group of Germans who

were driven out of Silesia in

the southwest of present-day

war expulsions with Iraq's

annexation of Kuwait. He

waitis." Mr Hupka, who said

yesterday was a "black day"

for expellees, demanded that

Bonn win German citizenship

for all ethnic Germans living

in Poland when it negotiates a

friendship treaty with Warsaw

Herr Genscher admitted:

Today's decision has not

been easy for Germans, nor

for me. It was very painful, especially to those who have

Krzysztof Skubiszewski, the

Polish foreign minister, gave little more than a nod in this

direction: "Chancellor Kohl

has spoken of those who lost

their homes here. That loss

was the result of the aggression that destroyed the order which

existed before 1939." But both

sides agree that the way is

Silesia will be recognised as

such, but not given special

privileges, such as dual Ger-

feeling in the past six months.

Most important for Poland

man-Polish citizenship.

The German minority in

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lost their homes."

Poland, compared the post-

Herbert Hupka, the leader

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which should be ready for are seen by Poles as a test of the new Germany, beloing to open state, or more nationally ssertive. Herr Kohl's initial hesitation about confirming the Oder-Neisse line, ahead of unification, suggested that Germany might become an uncomfortable, if not downright hostile, neighbour. But the basis of its expulsion of Kuthe speed with which the

Genscher: admitted that signing pact was painful

border treaty has been drafted and signed has reassured

Herr Genscher hinted at the domestic political cost of affirming so ambiguously the Oder-Neisse line. The powerful, or at least vocalerous, is that the treaty counters the lobbies for the Germans exlobbies for the Germans ex-pelled from the Polish terri-isolation Warsaw has been tories originally thought that

Berlin squatter colony stormed

From ANNE MCELVOY

A SECOND night of rioting in the east Berlin district of Friedrichshain ended yesterday in 134 arrests after a dawn operation by comman-do police units to clear 12

Three thousand police stormed key apartments occu-pied by anarchist youths calling themselves the Militarite Autonomen. Fierce fighting broke out with the squatters showering police with petrol bombs, and bars and tiles from the rooftops. Random shots were also fired

The fighting lasted two hours with the squatters foiling a first assault. Commando units finally entered the building after scaling ropes and engaging in hand-to-hand fighting on the rooftops. Ten nen were injured and several rioters with head wounds were carried from the scene on stretchers.

The riots marked the peak of a spiral of violence in former East Germany and are being described by city officials as the worst in ten years and more vicious than the notorious outbreaks in the Kreuzberg area of the city throughout the 1980s.

An attempt to mediate between the authorities and the squatters by Barbel Bohley of the New Forum citizens' group, which led the campaign against the communist regime

Erich Patzold, Berlin's interior senator, said he favoured a peaceful solution to the widespread problem of squatting in Berlin, but the



Dawn raid: police commandes removing squatters from east Berlin tenements yesterday after a second night of riets

alogue impossible. Most of those arrested were west Berliners who have moved over to the east since the opening of the border.

 BONN: The German gov-ernment means to siash DM35 billion (£12 billion) from public spending next year in an effort to find the

brutality of those occupying unification without resorting

A sizeable amount of the saving will come from the defence budget, but other cuts, including subsidies for Berlin and the old inner German border regions, will be far less popular. Bonn is also to call on the Lander to contribute a higher amount to the cost of unification, Theo Waigel, the

Warsaw's racist ghosts on loose

Lech Walesa has shown a dangerous ambiguity over anti-semitism in the presidential contest, Roger Boyes says

THERE is a scrum around are fighting to ask Lech Waless a question. The older man wins. What does Mr Lech, whom we all love - applause - and who will be a true Polish president applause - plan to do about being run by zydokom-muna, communist Jews?

It is not a question, nor is it answered. The man is shoved aside. But the com-

The great contest between Mr Walesa, the Solidarity chairman, and Tadeusz Mazowiecki, the prime minister, is the first American style presidential elec-tion in Eastern Europe. It is a choice between individnals, their personal style and attitudes, not pro-grammes (Mr Walesa iu-sists that he has none) and here is all the razzmatazz of the modern campaign.

But appearances deceive. The techniques and the technology may be modern, but the emotions stirred up are rooted in the nationalist politics of the 1920s and 1930s, the time of the last independent Poland. It was a different country then: primarily agrarian, a multi-cultural place with millions of Jews, Germans and

Ukranians. Then, as now, Poland had to carve out independence in the force field between a resurgent Germany and an uncertain, inward-looking Soviet Union. The big de-bate of the time, between the strident Russophilic anti-semitic nationalism of Roman Dmowski and the Russophobic, yet ethnically tolerant, striving for inde-pendence of Marshal Jozef Pilsudski, has never been resolved; under communism, it was deep-frozen. Now, in the election campaign, the ghosts are again

on the loose One of the canards of the campaign is that Mr Mazowiecki is of Jewish origin. At night teenagers deface his posters with stars of to give him a hook nose. The implication is that he is somehow less of a Pole.

Mr. Walesa sometimes condemns anti-semitism during his speeches. But he does not slap down the agitators. He plays the ancestor game. Before the campaign began in earnest, he said: "I'm a real Pole. I'm not ashamed of it. Why should those of Jewish origin be ashamed of their

roots?"
The roots of Polish antiemitism are deep and tangled. Yet there are two traditions running side by side, of mutual tolerance and respect - how else did so many millions of Jews find a home in Poland over the centuries? — and of friction and resentment. Yet to revive the pre-war anti-semitism as a political weapon in the country's most important free election is partic ignoring the fact that the Jews were mainly massacred on Polish soil in German camps. There are barely 12,000 practising

them elderly. Mr Walesa draws support from many quarters. Most are rapional, frustrated citizens who want a respite from the recession, the austerity programme, the long, uninspiring haul to the market. But his noisiest backers are from the militant right-wing, the spiritual

Jews left in Poland, most of

descendants of Dmowski. The right-wing presiden-tial candidates failed to clear the first hurdle - the gathering of 100,000 signatures - and put their bets on Mr Walesa. The Solidarity chairman wants to be a president in the Pilsudski mode. But he uses the vocabulary and reasoning of Dmowski, the simplistic line that says: "I'm Polish because I'm not Jewish." That sentiment may have served some political purpose in the 1930s when there was a huge Jewish community in Poland. But now, with almost no Jews left, it is the logic of the

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# Left and right unite as Congress awakes to risks of Gulf war

THE captains of the US Congress are reaching out to over-ride the man they call "president autopilot" and to reassert control over the American military machine in the Gulf. The senior men of Capitol Hill, recovering from the rigours of budget battles and long election campaigns, have taken fright. The President's policy towards Knwait, formerly described as a careful twin-track approach of deterrence and diplomacy, is now castigated as dangerously determinist, a computer programme

pro-set for war. Yesterday legislative leaders met Mr Bush at the White House to discuss the deepening divides over his decision to turn Operation Desert Shield into an overtly

admit that their ambition is to wrest power from the president but the reality is stark.

A team of weakened White House aides, without an agreed domestic strategy, is facing a reinvigorated Democratic opposition and a Republican party which has become increasingly emboldened to make policy independently of its president. For Congress as a whole, which is locked in an eternally simmering fight with the White House over the constitutional rights to declare peace and war, the temptation to make a timely tactical gain is enormous.

Lack of unity at the top has given greater scope for dissenting voices at lower levels. Currently After the distractions of budget and election battles. American politicians are training their sights on White House policy over Kuwait, writes Peter Stothard, US Editor

the anti-war movements are an incoherent, mutually suspicious, mis-alliance of left and right, pacifists, liberturians, isolationists and liberals. The fear in the White House is that they might make COMMON CHIESE.

Thousands of students have demonstrated in New York and Minnesots. Radical San Francisco groups, railing against Mr Bush's war for oil, have popularised the slogan "How many males to the

appeared on the same platform with men such as the former Reagan and Nixon aide, Pat Buchanan, the foremost conservative critic of the Gulf action.

Mr Buchanan, whom some Republicans would like to see challenging the president in 1992, has supported every military action by America in his lifetime. He would not normally share political slogans with the anti-Victnam

mer Kennedy aide, Arthur Schlesinger. But this time, with communism dead, Mr Buchanan sees no core American interest in supporting one Arab autocrat against another. Mr Schlesinger agrees and, although the two men are not bearing placards in the same parade, both want a brake on the president's war plans.

Congress is not yet to be recalled to debate the latest phase of the struggle against lraq. Congressional leaders say in public that the fullest legal backing for a war policy would strengthen the American strategy in the Gulf. But the White House has to balance the benefits of whatever backing emerged against the harm that

activist, liberal historian and for- divisive rhetoric might do. Any strengthening of the anti-war forces could deliver a disastrous blow to American hopes of driving Iraq from Kuwait, and virtually end hopes of overthrowing President Saddam Hussein.

Commentators are recalling that it took a combination of Hitler and Roosevelt to overcome American isolationism in 1940. President Saddam, whatever Mr Bush may say, is no Hitler; George Bush, even by his best friends' claims, is no FDR.

Keeping its critics apart is a key to White House strategy. Dan Quayle, the vice-president, skilfully pointed this week to the "Buchanan-McGovern axis". By linking his fellow right-winger to tender whom Richard Nixon destroyed in 1972, he challenged Mr Buchanan to distance himself from his new allies: which he duly, and with ill-temper, did.

But the occasional deft touch will not be enough to destroy the risk of a broad "America First" movement like that of the 1930s, particularly if recession deepens. At yesterday's meeting the ques-

tion of recalling Congress was postponed. But the White House may have bought only a little time. Without a more consistent case (and not just from the president, whose rhetorical powers are so poor), there is a growing risk that a genuinely popular opposition to the Gulf policy will emerge.

# King tries to bolster Gulf troop morale amid Tories' battle

From Christopher Walker in Saudi arabia

CONCERN was growing in Mr King, a fervent Thatcher weeks and there must be no the Saudi desert yesterday that loyalist, denied he had ever doubting our resolution in the challenge to Margaret hinted publicly that a leader-ship of the ship challenge could harm the same does not believe that Conservative party would appear as "the hand of Allah" change could have on events down from a Challenger tank in the Gulf.

The remarks were expressed as Tom King, the Kuwain borden defence secretary, made his But his remark first visit to the Seventh quell unease at officer level Armoured Brigade, the Desert that any defeat for Mrs Rata, since they arrived in Thatcher could lessen the eastern Saudi Arabia to bolster anti-Iraqi forces.

The shadow of the contest

unlikely yesterday with Bagh-dad demanding tough condi-

tions for taking part and its

opponents insisting that Iraq

must first pull out of Kuwait.

Typically, no reason was given for the dismissal of Ali

Hassan al-Majid, a paternal cousin of President Saddam,

and his replacement by Aziz

Saleh al-Nouma, an adviser of

the Baath party and a former

state minister. An Iraqi oppo-

sition leader described him as "another yes-man". News of

the change was announced in

the government newspaper,

Some Arab sources said that

Mr al-Majid, known as the

ruthless former military gov-

ernor of Kurdistan, had gone

too far in Kuwait and that the

much-publicised reports of

lawlessness, looting and rape

in the occupied city could give the United States the excuse it

However, Mr al-Nouma's appointment did not mean

that the Iraqi leader favoured

a softer approach in Kuwait, a

leader of a London-based Iraqi opposition group said. Saad Jabr said President

Saddam had appointed a half-

brother, Barzan Ibrahim al-

Takriti, a former intelligence

chief, to be unofficially in charge of Kuwait with orders

to dismantle its infrastructure

and to drive out the native

wanted to launch an attack.

al-Jumhuriva.

Saddam dismisses

hard-man cousin

from governorship

morale of the 11,500 British appear as "the hand of Allah" troops serving with Operation to President Saddam Hussein Desert Shield. "I did not say that," Mr about the effect that any King insisted after climbing after manocuvres in the desert about 125 miles from the

> But his remarks failed to resolve for a military option.

Mr King said: "What I said was that we are obviously hung heavily over the visit as moving through a critical few

somehow we are going to be preoccupied and not absolutely committed to seeing the end of this aggression and that message is clear.
"I am reinforced in this

because I shall be able to tell the troops that there is a unanimous view among the parties, there is a unanimous view in the Conservative party, on the rightness of our response and the need to recognise that while we seek a peaceful solution, if that is not reached then the option of force may be used."

Accompanying Mr King on the tank exercises was Lieu-tenant General Sir Peter de la Billière, the former SAS com-

mander now in charge of british forces in Sandi Arabia. Asked how they had reacted to the leadership struggle, he said: "To be perfectly honest, we feel somewhat remote from it. We are busy getting on with the job which is taking us 18 hours a day whether you 18 hours a day whether you are a soldier who is out in his

us the regular support that we would expect."

Arab summit to avert war in envoy who visited Algiers the Gulf looked increasingly called for preparatory talks pave the way for a summit. Iraq's opponents that Baghdad's interest in a summit was merely a stalling tactic, designed to deflect an American

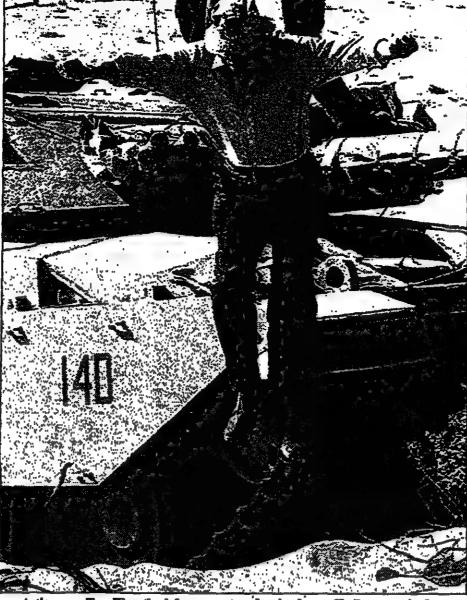
attack while Arab leaders were preparing to talk peace. In Saudi Arabia's first response to the summit pro-posal, Prince Saud al-Faisal, the foreign minister, said it would be a waste of time unless fraq first agreed to pull Syria and Egypt, the two

other key Arab states in the anti-Iraqi alliance, share a similar view, though they have not officially responded OExtra forces: Reports from to the summit call. Their leaders, President Assad and President Mubarak, met for unschooled talks in Demascus, the Syrian capital,

Ali Akbar Velayati, the Iranian foreign minister, meanwhile, flew to Baghdad for talks with Tariq Aziz, his

 ANKARA: The case of an Iraqi military attaché, who has been implicated in a spying incident here, has further soured relations between Turkey and Iraq. The attaché, Brigadier Fadhil Ahmed Septi, was named on Tuesday by Turk who has been charged with spying for Baghdad.

population.
In a further sign of intransi-Yesterday it was disclosed gence, Baghdad said it wanted that the Iraqi attaché had been posted elsewhere by Baghdad. Arab leaders to drop resolutions adopted at an earlier However, the Turkish foreign ministry could not confirm League of Arab States' summit in Cairo where a slender whether he had left the majority voted to send troops country.



Action man: Tom King, the defence secretary, leaping from a Challenger tank after watching an exercise by the Desert Rats about 125 miles from the Kawaki border

# Quayle attacks missions to free hostages

By JOE JOSEPH AND RICHARD BASSETT

vice-president, yesterday accused international elder statesmen, such as Edward Heath, Willy Brandt and Yasuhiro Nakasone, of playing into the hands of President Saddam Hussein by leading missions to Baghdad to free

At a meeting in Tokyo with Toshiki Kaifu, the Japanese prime minister, Mr Quayle underlined Washington's distaste for the recent trip to Iraq by Mr Nakasone, the former Japanese prime minister, who returned to Tokyo with 74 of his countrymen. Mr Heath and Herr Brandt, the former West German chancellor, who both made similar journeys, also came under attack.

Mr Quayle said after the meeting. We understand the humanitarian drive that is there. But we have to look at the big picture. I told the prime minister these types of visits are counter-productive. You allow Saddam Hussein to use and exploit the hostage Saddam Hussein wants to appear benevolent in releasing hostages. That is simply despicable. All hostages should be released."

The vice-president, who came to Tokyo to attend the

DAN Quayle, the American Emperor Akihito, also reminded Mr Kaifu that America would like Japan to have a Gulf presence in some form. even though the Tokyo parliament has failed to pass a bill that would have enabled its troops to play a non-combat role. Mr Quayle said that Japan, as an economic superpower, had certain global responsibilities.

Meanwhile, Amintore Fanfani, a pillar of the Italian Christian Democrat party, announced yesterday that he was

mission to Baghdad. Signor Fanfani, aged 80. said he did not expect the Italian government to bless his mission, but was adamant that he would go if it "did not create too much embarrass ment" for Rome.

He said he had been approached by relatives of many of the Italian bostages still beld in the Gulf, and added: "Religious and moral reflection, on bearing such requests, have naturally led me to situation to his advantage, consider the merits of the mercy mission."

Signor Fanfani admitted that his visit could undermine the EC's aiready questionable unity of approach towards hostages held in Iraq at a time when the Italians hold the community presidency.

### From MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA PRESIDENT Saddam Hus- to join the multinations slit trench, an airman who is sein has dismissed his cousin forces in the Gulf. Taha and long-standing confidant as governor of Kuwait in another sign of nerves and uncertainty by the Iraqi leader at a time of dwindling options. Despite a surge of diplomatic activity in the region, the prospect of an emergency Arab summit to avert war in to join the multinational forces in the Gulf. Taha Yasan Ramadan, Iraq's first deputy prime minister, laid down the new condition after a meeting in Rabet with King at time of dwindling options. Hassan of Morocco, who had on Sunday called for a firsh for peace. A second Iraqi envoy who visited Alsiers standing by at short notice to fly his sizeraft or a sailor. "But, undoubtedly we look for stable support from the UK. We certainly have had it up to now and I hope that the people at home and the government will continue to give

A sergeant from the Scots Dragoon Guards said: "Truth fully, I do not think most of our lads care a toss about it. Anyway, most of them are

supporters of the Scottish National Party."
Another soldier said: "Who cares if it is Thatcher or Heseltine? That is for people

in London to worry about." The remoteness of the sol-diers from Westminster was emphasised when Mr King handed over the first of a hundred short-wave radios donated by the BBC, "Now we might have a better idea of what you are all talking about," a private said.

Saudi Arabia suggest the 5,000-strong 4th Armoured Brigade, based in Germany and equipped with Challenger tanks, will be the unit selected to join the Desert Rats. Sources in London said that no decision had been made.



By JUAN CARLOS GUMUCIO

er of the fundamentalist islamic Amal organisation and a founding member of the pro-Iranian Hezbollah, made this clear when he was asked about

dered after being seized by Christian gunmen in northern Lebanon in July 1982.

ment in Beirut. Mr Mousawi said Britain

# **Missing** Iranians 'key to releases'

FRESH signals that the ques-tion of the iranians missing in

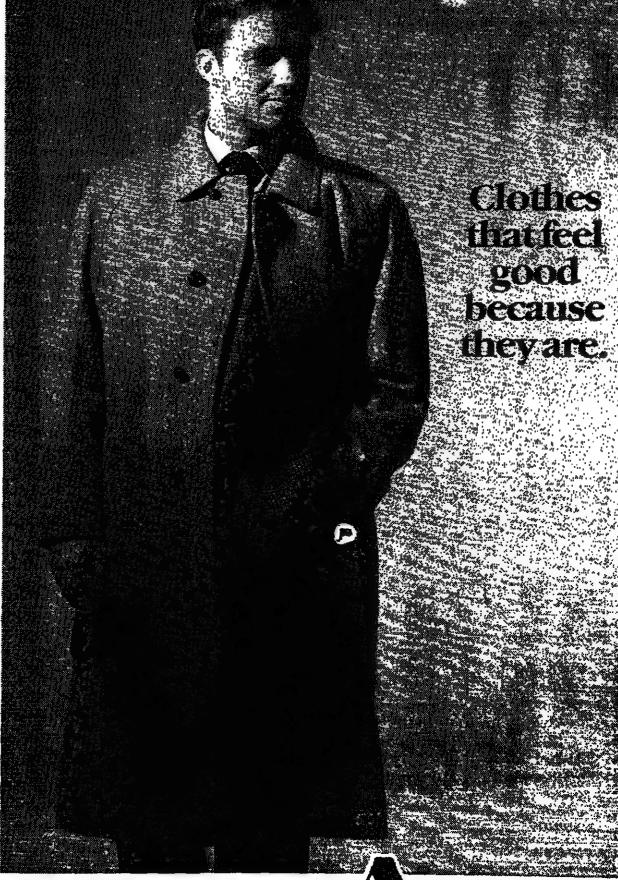
Lebanon for more than eight vests is a crucial issue in the hostage dilemma emerged vesterday when a prominent Hezbollah official said no progress can be expected until Hussein Mousawi, the lead-

His remarks coincided with the arrival in Lebanon of relatives of the four Iranians thought to have been mur-

Both events enhanced the belief that Shia Muslim hardliners in Beirut and Tehran may be reviving the issue tian militia leaders who are expected to join the govern-

and the United States should press the case of the missing Iranians, "America and Britain, which have hostages in Lebanon, should try to release the Iranians in order to end the issue of their hostages," he There is no evidence to

support claims that the Iran-



# US prepares Kuwaitis for revenge

Kuwaiti army regroup, rearm They are very brave." and prepare to fight Iraq. A visit to this frontline area offered what was believed to team here declined to be be the first look by reporters at the usually elusive American military trainers, including army special forces advisers who are working in Arab units and co-ordinating military operations with them.

A Kuwaiti officer said the American special warfare advisers were teaching a Kuwaiti armoured brigade about Iraqi tactics and training it to call in air strikes, neutralise Iraqi mines, destroy tanks and "The Americans are very a 25 mph wind of cold dust interrogate prisoners.

IN A desolate stretch of desert good," said a Kuwaiti army and tumbling desert debris logical weapons who wants to here, a team of American captain who would give his that cut visibility to a hundred build nuclear weapons. Here special-warfare advisers is name only as Ali. They show helping the remnants of the us how to kill the Iraqi tank. The ten members of the

American military training specific about their work or their units, but said they had been camped here for the past two weeks. Under the military rules in force here the base's position cannot be reported. Comments by Kuwaiti sol-

diers and insignia worn by the Americans indicated that several were members of the Army Special Forces, a min trained particularly to work in small groups advising foreign Stepping into a tent to avoid army units.

said they were confident that the Kuwaitis would fight well if the order came to attack Iraqi positions across the border. They are very competent," the commander of the team said. "All they are

waiting for is the word." Other advisers had strong feelings about training Kuwaitis. "This is more like a family operation," said Staff Sergeant Barry Sparlin, aged 29, from Houston, Texas, said. When asked how he felt "We're very close." Asked about having left his country why America should spend in the face of the invasion, lives and resources here, he Captain Ali said: "It is a little said, referring to President bit shameful to me. I want to Saddam Hussein of Iraq: be in front when we attack "We've got a man here with

time to take him out."

A Kuwaiti tank commander said his unit had fought the Iraqis when they invaded in August, battling for nine hours before running out of ammunition and withdrawing into Septi Ambia.

The Kuwaiti unit here is formally known as the 35th Brigade, but has been renamed by its survivors as the Martyrs' Brigade, two officers

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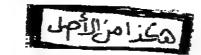
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# West wins 'insurance clause' in arms treaty

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Soviet Union has been signing of the CFE treaty, persuaded to accept a lastarms treaty to be signed in Paris next week, following Western concern over the thousands of tanks which have been transferred to the conventional arms treaty to be signed in According to diplomatic sources, the Soviet Union is expected to produce new data, listing only about 20,000 tanks for inclusion as treaty-limited have been transferred east of the Ural mountains. This is 36,000. beyond the region to be covered by the treaty.

About 16,000 Soviet tanks, included in the original data provided by Moscow during the Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) negotiations in Vienna, have now been moved to the other side of the Urals, the geographical divid-

ing line for the treaty.

In Paris on Monday, 34 leaders from the member states of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE) will be meeting for a three-day summit. The highlight will be the

# Moscow gunman 'aimed at Gorbachev'

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LAST week's shooting incident during the October Revolution anniversary parade in Red Square was more serious than was previously admitted and may have been an attempt to assaurate

Sergeant Andrei Myhikov, aged 28; the policeman who detected and disarmed the gunman, told a press con-ference in Moscow that he had spotted a man standing slightly apart from the main civilian parade. He said he saw him produce a double-berrelled hunting rifle and aim directly at the stand on top of the Lemin insusoleum where Mr Gorbachev and other leaders were gathered.

When he saw the man produce the gun, he said, "I was about three metres (10ft) away from him. I rushed towards him and reached for the rifle berrel with both hands, pushing it into the air. was heard. Then I pushed the rifle so that it was pointing away from the crowd, in the direction of the GUM department store. That was when the second shot fired, over the heads of the guards who had by then surrounded him."

The alleged gunman, Aleksandr Shmonov, aged 39, from Leningrad, is in solitary confinement under KOB arrest. He faces a charge of attempted terrorism.

negotiated by the 22 countries of Nato and the Warsaw Pact.

for inclusion as treaty-limited items. The previous figure was

Under the CFE agreement, the two alliances are to reduce their tank totals from the Atlantic to the Urals to 20,000 each, with no one country allowed more than 12,000. But, under a so-called "sinficiency rule", worked out between the members of the Warsaw Pact and agreed by Nato, the Soviet Union is to be allowed to keep 13,150 tanks in the region. After the shipment of tanks across the Urals, Moscow will have to destroy about 7,000 tanks, instead of the 13,000 originally anticipated by the West.
Western diplomats do not believe Moscow is deliberately

trying to subvert the spirit of the arms control agreement.
Nevertheless, Nato negofixtors have succeeded in
including a clause which
makes it clear that if Moscow redeploys a strategically significant number of tanks, or any other equipment covered by the treaty, just outside the defined area, the alliance reserves the right to

withdraw from the treaty. The clause could be said to be an insurance policy against the possibility of a more reactionary regime taking over from President Gorbachev.

Yesterday one senior West-Yesterday one senior West-em diplomatic source said: "The Soviets have told us at very high level that they have not moved the tanks and other treaty-limited equipment for any sinister reason. They anticipate destroying many of them anyway, and have al-ready started. But, because they have so many to destroy. they have so many to destroy, they want more than the 40 months allowed them under the CFE treaty. Moving them on of the treny see will give them more time. We sympathise with their problem."

Most of the Soviet ank production factories are also east of the Urals. "So it's probably more convenient for them to have the tanks there," one source said. A third

reason given is that Moscow will want to relace the old T54e and T55e deployed east of the Urals with their newer T72s. "That's perfectly legitimate," the source said. Under the CFE treaty, the Soviet Union will be allowed to keep, in the area west of the Urals, 13,150 tanks, 20,000

armoured combat vehicles. 13,175 artillery pieces, 1,500 combat helicopters and 5,150 combat aircraft, with an addi-tional 400 land-based naval





Upper hand: M Mitterrand, top, has left M Rocard to take the blame for France's education problems

# Rocard is pushed into firing line

WHEN it comes to political knife-work, President Mitterrand has a masterly touch. With his government coming under attack for having failed to order more effective police measures against hooligans who rioted during last Monday's protest march through Paris by school students, he has deftly manoeuvred Michel

into the line of fire. No sooner had M Rocard returned from attending the coronation of Japan's emperor than he found himself once more the target of damaging rumours that his number might be up. And while the conservative opposition is baying for blood, the prime minister's real problem appears, not for first time, to be

in the Elysée Palace. The trouble began when the president, sniffing the wind, decided it was prudent to demonstrate solidarity with the teenage lycéens who have been demonstrating in vast numbers for drastic improve-

ments in the French secondary education system. While pitched battles raged in the centre of Paris on Monday evening, he invited a delega-tion of pupils around to the Elysée for a chat about what ras should be done.

After an hour, the students emerged saying that M Mitter-rand had expressed agreement with their claims. "It is now up to Rocard's government to get on the job and do some-thing for our schools," one of them observed, thereby passing the prime minister knowingly or otherwise - the hot potato that Lionel Jospin, the education minister, had been juggling with in growing

As ever, M Mitterrand's timing was perfect: the Socialists are still battling to get their 1991 budget through an increasingly hostile National Assembly with the possibility of a no-confidence vote next week. If the Communists carry out their threat to jump ship and support the oppo-ation motion, M Rocard could be left alone for the first time in his two-end-a-half VERIS IN DOWER.

M Mitterrand's strategy of witching blame for the education problems to his prime minister reflects a renewed eagerness to be rid of M Rocard. As for M Rocard, the resentment of knowing that M. Mitterrand's magic circle frequently disparage his qualities has understandably put iron in his soul.

If the mainstream conservatives were not even more divided than usual, the government would be in grave

# Libyan activist living in Britain

who has helped co-ordinate Colonel Muammar Gadaffi's economic links with the Irish Republic, has slipped back into Britain and is living in Liverpool (Andrew Lycett and Andrew McEwen write).

According to Libyan sources, Tayyib as-Safi, aged 37, has been in Britain for re weeks. He is said to be course. He is on secondmen from a Libyan oil company and calling himself Tayyi tribe rather than family. In another developm

began talks with counterparts the first to be sent by the British branch of the Inter-Parliamentary Union since Colonel Gaddafi seized power in 1969. Its presence is a appreciation by Britain of Tripoli's opposition to the invasion of Kuwait, although of Western troops in Saudi Arabia. The move is not likely to lead to a softening of the British attitude to Col

Sir Michael Marsball (Conservative, Arundel) and Martin Redmond (Labour, Don Valley) were due to meet members of the General Peo-ple's Congress, which was readmitted to the IPU a year ago. In a letter to The Times ago. In a lenter to The Times yesterday, Prince Idris Al Senussi, a relative of King Idris, who was overthrown by Colonel Gadaffi in September 1969, questioned the timing of Sir Michael's vipit.

# Sudan coup fails

Dubai — A coup attempt in Sudan has failed and the military government is carrying out mass arrests, Sudanese opposition sources and two Gulf newspapers said. The attempt, the fourth against the 16-menth-old government of attempt, the fourth against use 16-month-old government of General Omar Hassan al-Bashir, was crushed a few days ago, according to the reports. Two former ministers were among the alleged plotters rounded up. (Reuter)

### Ukraine leader

Kiev - The Ukrainian Su-preme Soviet has elected Vital Fokin, aged 58, as its new prime minister. Mr Fokin, well respected and described as being on the liberal wing of the Communist party, acted as prime minister after the month of Vitali Masol, was forced from his job by mass protests and a student

### Court defied

years, defiantly rejected a summons to answer criminal charges against him in a bank-scandal. He said the charges, which prompted his 1989 election defeat, were part of a against the socialists by the present New Democracy conservative government and the Communist party. (Reuter)

### Ship grounded

research ship, Calypso, rana aground during the strongest typhoon to hit the Philippines this year, but the French underwater explorer, aged 80, was not on board. The coast inesweeper had been forced aground by strong winds and rough seas caused by Typhoon Mike, off the central island of Mindoro, but it had no reports of any casualties. (Reuter)

# Dutch reduce age of consent to 12

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the moment the public pros-ecutor can use his discretion more effective chance of on cases involving sexual prosecution," Miss Reasonan on cases involving sexual intercourse with children aged and does decide not to proseente if both partners have consented to the intercourse."

the new bill, children can report sexual abuse to the police and the Child Protec-

CHANGES in Dunch vice law, made by parents or legal effectively lowering the age of guardians are considered by consent to 12 years, have the public prosecutor. This received almost unanimous has proved a serious stumsupport from the country's bling block, especially in lower House and are expected reporting cases of incest, to become law shortly, pend- which form a large proportion The bill also extends the

The contents of the bill have time allowed for reporting caused more concern outside sexual abuse from three The Netherlands than within, months to 12 years. This and have been minunder- takes into account the fact that stood. Elizabeth Reassnan, a many children who have been spokesman for the justice abused find it difficult even to ministry, said yesterday. "At speak about the incident for

also aim to make mpe in that the aim of the new Rape still carries a maximum proposals was to give extra prison sentence of 12 years protection to minors. Under and illegal intercourse with the new bill, children can children aged between 12 and

16, eight years. However, the moves may also tion Council can act independently on a tip-off. At the and distribution of child moment, only complaints pomography.

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The late Malcolm Muggeridge on the craft that kept him so long in the public eye

# A lifetime's love affair

t is a fearful thing to contem-plate the output of 40 years of average daily stint of about one thousand words. The total runs into millions. One has written the Bible and the Encyclopaedia Britannica many times over. Add to this the spoken words on radio and television, and one moves into astronomical figures: a vas verbal outpouring dealing, for the most part, with topics of no present relevance - notices of books and plays whose authors have long been forgotten, editorials on once burning controversies which now matter to no one, obituaries already out-of-date when their subjects died. Appeals, exhortations, solemn warnings, tributes; massive features and tiny gossip parts; every variety of shape, size and substance.

Why then, engage in a récherche des mots perdus? Surely the glory of journalism is its transience. Let ridiculous dons - a Rowse, a Leavis - persuade themselves that their convoluted sentences will continue to assail posterity as they have defenceless undergraduates in their lifetime. The journalist may take a saner view. He knows that what he writes exists only to be melted down and dispersed like the metal on which it is stamped. Each night the same climax reached, with the same languid

The rotary presses beginning to turn, like a heart ardently beating; poring over damp, himp galleys, shouting, pushing, heaving, and lo! the edition is out. In the grey morning light, hands push it through letter-boxes, deposit it beside milk bottles. Then, propped up on breakfast tables, read rocking to and fro in railway carriages, gymnastically held up to view in buses; by midday at the latest, finished and thrown aside, thenceforth useful only for lighting fires, wrapping fish and stopping

With all its frustrations and limitations, I cannot imagine engaging in any other profession. Some of the excitement has survived from the first time, so many years ago now, that I opened a newspaper and read in it words I had written. From earliest childhood it always seemed to me that the only thing worth doing in life was to write. Before I knew my letters I had a printing-set, and delighted in their shapes even though I could not identify them. It was part of the romanticism, not to say priggishness, of my generation to consider all artistic and scholarly achievements as infinitely preferable to any others; to the point that even now it seems to me quite extraordinary when someone with intellectual pretensions expresses admiration for a neral or a millionaire or a politician as such.

It all began for me in Cross Street, Manchester, with the (as it This is an edited extract from the then was) Manchester Guardian,

still sprightly figure in his eighties, with pink cheeks, a ribald beard and bright eyes. At his behest, we leader-writers produced our nightly offerings, conscious — I dare say too conscious — of being the voice of reason and righteousness in an unreasonable, unrighteous world.

Many an uplifting sentence did I tap out and lay on Scott's desk, expressing the hope that moderate men of all shades of opinion would draw together, and that wiser counsels might yet prevail. The people of this country, I thundered, will not tolerate — just precisely what I now forget.

The next scene of my incubra-tions was Moscow, where I acted as Guardian correspondent. Here, hopes that wiser counsels might yet prevail were difficult, if not impossible, to sustain, and moderate men of all shades of opinion had a way of disappearing into Lubianka Prison, never to be seen again. Stalin, I came to realise, was no C.P. Scott. In the shadow of the Kremlin, my typewriter acquired a shrill, querulous note.

After a time in Calcutta, I transferred to Shoe Lane to toil on the late Lord Beaverbrook's behalf on the Evening Standard Londoner's Diary. No-one's education is complete without a spell as a gossip writer. How otherwise is it possible to know the minutiae of human vanity; that passion which, in the Century of the Common Man, to a greater or lesser extent afflicts everyone: to be known as an uncommon man?

Round the corner from Shoe Lane stands the office of The Daily Telegraph, where the first Lord Camrose devised, with great skill and acumen, the perfect readingmatter to occupy a stockbroker between Tunbridge Wells Central and Cannon Street. There I managed to lurk with a degree of ease and satisfaction, first in the Fleet Street office, and then in Washington. My typewriter tapped sturdily away, competing with the tickertape in the corner, which likewise tapped sturdily away, ejecting great yellow piles of news upon which, from time to time, I had to make desperate assaults.

Next I became editor of Punch. It was a sombre place, haunted by old jokes and lost laughter. Life, as I was to discover, holds no more wretched occupation than trying to make the English laugh, and it was with relief that I went past the figure of Mr Punch and out through the door for the last time. Never again would I be under the sional necessity of being

The succeeding years have been singularly happy ones. There is nothing serious under the sun except love; of fellow-mortals and of God. Everything is ridiculous save ecstasy. So, at any rate, I should like to think and feel and write during the brief span which still remains to me.

introduction to Tread Softly for under C.P. Scott; a venerable but You Tread on My Jokes (1966).

# Why I challenge Thatcher

ichael Heseltine is offering himself as leader of the Conservative party on the grounds that he can reach voters whom Mrs Thatcher can no longer

He argues that he has the experience of friendly but effective persuasion in European negotia-tions that can transform Britain's relations with the EC and so win for us a voice in the shaping of economic and monetary union, in the process preserving London's status as Europe's most important finencial centre.
His ministerial record, he says,

shows that he could conduct a more genuine form of cabinet government than Mrs Thatcher does; his years on the backbenches since leaving the cabinet over the Westland affair in 1986 have enabled him to widen his contacts. especially at the grassroots level, and develop his thinking.
Why would the Conservatives

have a better hope under him than under a leader who had already won three elections?
"I will be able to establish in the

cabinet a policy for Europe behind which the overwhelming majority of the parliamentary party can unite. Mrs Thatcher made a remarkable contribution to the 1980s, but in the way of things, the young generation in particular is looking to the '90s for at least a new style, at least a new language. Opinion polls tell us that if I were leader of the party, we would regain the votes of a very substan-tial number of people who used to vote Conservative but now say they won't as long as Mrs.
Thatcher is leader."

Asked what qualities he would bring to the job, Mr Heseltine says that is not something easy for him to answer. "I have taken pride in the fact that Mrs Thatcher thought I was an appropriate person to be environment secretary, one of the great home departments, responsible for many environmental services and the acute difficulties of urban poverty. Then, in the light of my performance there, she felt I was the right person to be secretary of state for defence, and she reappointed me after the 1983

"I have a very considerable experience both of administering the largest government depart-ments and of communicating government policy in a way that nucressful. I was at the forefront of the 1979 election campaign. I was responsible for the policy of selling council houses, which was an-nounced in my constituency on the eve of the election battle." "In 1983 I played a critical role in countering the arguments of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarma-

"I have been able to articulate not just the virtues of government policies, but something of the philosophy that underlies the long success of the Conservative party. One of the reasons I now receive far more invitations to speak to Conservatives locally than I had as a minister is that I have been able to widen my political contacts and deepen my political philosophy in a way that is difficult for

serving ministers." Asked if his appeal lies in his ability to win, rather than his policies, Mr Heseltine says: Winning is fundamental. There is little purpose in opposition politics if you never have the opportunity to carry out ideas. But winning is not enough. Britain has to come to terms with great political and environmental changes and to forge a new relationship with our EC partners. "We must learn to live within

the institutions that bind us

together, because we can gain

held over.



Heseltine at his London home yesterday, declaring his intention to seek the Tory leadership

# Michael Heseltine, interviewed by Robin Oakley, sets out his qualifications to unite Conservative

MPs on Europe and to win back disaffected voters

more inside those institutions

than we can outside. "If you are going to be members of a club, a team or a partnership, the only way to promote your selfinterest is by persuading your colleagues. If you are in a minority of one, you may have protected an essential interest but you have not added to it by persuading your colleagues to change their ways to accommodate wider opportunity

Mr Heseltine gives specific examples of his record on European cooperation to Britain's benefit. "I have had very substantial experience in winning for Britain in Europe. Creating the European Space Agency was my idea. Out of that Britain achieved leadership in communications satellite. I was responsible for nego-tiating the sale of Tornado aircraft to Saudi Arabia as a European project and was successful in persuading Germany, Italy and Spain to back the British Aerospace European Fighter Aircraft when they were previously in-clined to back the French. None of this could have happened unless I had established first-class relationships with politicians of the countries concerned. No one ever accused me of selling out British

union, Mr Heseltine says his whole approach is geared to helping to maintain the City of London as the world's third most important financial centre. "I cannot conceive of us maintaining that position outside EMU. I believe we have to be powerful contributors to the debate about reform of EMU. It is the only way Britain can win, and I don't apologise for these nationalistic attitudes. I learned them after long hours of negotiation with my European colleagues."

Bernard Levin's column has been

What are the essential differences between him and Mrs

Thatcher on Europe? Britain is committed by treaty and act of Parliament to the vague concepts of EMU. There is nothing new here. But I don't find it necessary to describe these concepts in language designed to prevent people from taking them seriously, rather than persuading them to explore whether evolution is possible.

As our European colleagues are going to do this thing whether we like it or not, and as the City of London's future is at stake in what they decide, I don't regard it as appropriate to use the terminology getting on or off trains. It is a fight to preserve what we have." But what of national sovereignty? Which areas of policy would be wish to see preserved for

individual nations to decide for themselves? And where would be apply the doctrine of subsidiarity?
This, he says, can be decided only in terms of attitude. Each issue must be decided on ment as it comes up. "Where something can best be determined at national level, so be it. Maybe it is better to decide some things even more locally than that. It is one of the arguments I used on council house sales, precisely because you are

philosophy I strongly support." Where does he think cabinet government had broken down? The arguments Geoffrey Howe so devastatingly deployed are very similar to those of Nigel Lawson in his resignation speech and are reminiscent of my own departure four years ago. The similarities are

pushing power to the rim. That is a

not a coincidence. "Mrs Thatcher has strong views on Europe which I do not believe reflect those of her cabinet. If they did, we would not have seen those resignations. If, after a proper dialogue, she had agreed with her cabinet a European policy to which all remained committed, there would not have been any

"As Sir Geoffrey pointed out, for us all to back John Major over the hard ecu - as I did and many colleagues did - only to hear the prime minister say that she doesn't think it would work, is to put the Chancellor in a difficult negotiating position by alerting the Europeans whom he has to persuade to how little credibility the British government sees in what he is saying."

But would a cabinet under Mr Heseltine be any less autocratic? "Anyone who has looked at my style of management in two of the largest departments knows I am much given to evoking ideas, consulting widely, listening care-fully and then reaching a decision. That attitude to management was embodied in the systems I in-troduced to Whitehall. It was essentially about full exposure of information and a detailed dialogue about it. That is my style." Does he feel it is fair to describe

him as a businessman's politician

harking back to the corporatism of

No. I shake my bead in disbelief. Such accusations were conjured out of the air after I left. the government by people who were not around then or who had Torgotten what I did. No one ran down the number of civil servants faster than I did - 13,000 at the Department of Environment over four years. No one killed off more quangos - half of those I took on in 1979. No one subjected defence industries to more competition than I did, securing dramatic improvements in value for

money,
"I was responsible for the foundation stone of privatisation programme, the sale of council houses. I was the person who persuaded the cabinet to legislate for contractor management as a new form of privatisation in the royal dockyards. I was also

responsible for the foundation of enterprise agencies across the

"It was I who brought the private sector back into the battle to fight urban squalor. This yielded hundreds of militions of pounds in addition to what the public sector could afford. "If people think selling Tor-

nadoes, creating the European Fighter Aircraft and backing the Airbus is corporatism, then I have to say that as I travel the world. I find that our competitors shake their heads with disbeinf at a country that is fighting for its economic life yet indulate in such

Heseltine hopes to appeal to MPs is revision of the poll tax, which he says menaces many Congressive seats. But how would be change it? seats. But how would be change it?

He cannot argue for effective cabinet government, he silys, and at the same time offer a bineprint for change in the middle of a leadership election. "But", he goes on, "I believe that in the fun-damental review that is necessary for the fortunes of the party electorally, there should be two thoughts. One is that the community charge must be seen to be fair and must therefore reflect people's ability to pay. The second is that if when we investigate it we decide that there is no substantial alternative way to deal with the problem, we might consider transferring educational costs in whole or in part to central government over a period of time as economic growth makes this

Mr Heseltine says that reform of the poll tax runs alongside the growing preoccupation with standards of education.

"If we look at the more deprived. ereas, it must be apparent that in addressing the quality issue, the present relationship between central and local government does not look promising. The social infra-structure of those communities does not make them a natural recruiting ground for people who are going to take over local management of the schools. We might have to adopt a greater urgency and take on more respon-sibility in central government, to bring the insistence on standards that is essential for our competitive future."

With some ministers prepared to play the Gulf card, what of the accusation that it is unpatriotic for him to make his challenge at a time when British troops are He responded: "The views I NORTH A

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have publicly expressed on the Galf are identical to the views of the prime minister and the For-eign Secretary." On that vital enterprise there would be no

change of policy.

Now that Mr Hessitine has embarked on his challenge to Mrs. Thatcher after four years outside her government, and with relations between them cooler than ever, was there anything Mrs Thatcher might have said to him. as he walked out of her cabinet in 1986 that would have induced him to turn round and rejoin the tetto? "Yes," he replied: "She could

have said 'Let's discuss it'." In the forthcoming contest, might not the party suffer if Mrs Thatcher were wounded without being ousted? What then would be gained for the What' party? Mr Heseltine maintains' simply that "Sir Geoffrey Howe's resignation speech raises issuesthat can be effectively only resolved within the context of a. leadership challenge. What he said is material to our long-term self-

interest as a nation."

# ...and moreover

# CLEMENT FREUD

Prand's A1 Sauce label was best; people used not to mind sitting waiting for countries" is the work of a tired food in cafes when there was so much to learn from the bottle: it told of George Brand, master chef to King George III, who "was always trying to tickle the Royal palate with new and mouthwatering creations. One day he produced a sauce of rare succulence; 'Brand,' said the king, 'this sauce is Al'. And so it

has remained to this day." A number of things about this narrative worried me: the state of the monarch's mind at the time of the occurrence (he officially lost his marbles in 1788), also whether chef Brand was standing in the royal dining room or His Majesty was eating in the kitchen - details like that, but it was a good read.

I mention this because Lee and Perrins Worcestershire Sauce has a new message on its label. The sauce "has always been a name to conjure with", it now declares. The French, who recently bought the company, could do little else with the name, for "W" is not a letter in common use among our friends at the optimistic end of the tunnel. "Double V comme William." is how you begin when asked to spell Worcestershire. though on reflection I don't know too many French Williams. Our Shakespeare springs to mind. "S comme Suzanne. H comme Henri, A comme Anatol ... My Harrap's New Shorter French/English Dictionary devotes less than half a page to words commencing with W. There is wagon, as in wagonbar, wagon-lit and wagon-res-taurant; then walkover, like walkover when there is no contest, as will not occur next Tuesday. Also water - "où sont les waters?" meaning "where is the toilet?" Then weekend, west-ern, wharf, whisky, whist, wig-wam and wolfram. On the French keyboard "W" loses the top-row position it has on a

I liked HP sauce because of the good picture of the Houses of Parliament on the label; this has now shrunk, and the words "When Garton's HP Sauce was first invented over 80 years ago

copywriter, in a different league from the one who laboured lovingly on green label sauce: "Since our founder A.J. Sharwood first amonished the world with his green label chutney, there has been nothing quite to equal that taste..."

Burgess finest Mushroom Ketchup label ignores history, concentrates on uses - "As a marinate" it suggests (meaning marinade) - and lists ingredients. These have to be stated in order of plenitude. In Burgess's, water is first, mushrooms second; I hope it was a close-run

The new trend in labelwriting is intended to persuade the consumer of the responsible and environmentally-conscious attitude of the manufacturer. I would like to put in a word for Sainsbury's South Seas Tuna Steak in Soya Oil, "specially selected from Pacific catches which makes one wonder who sells the stuff they reject. "Sainsbury's tuna", it con-tinues, "is caught with a pole and line, thus avoiding danger to other marine life". Being a Pacific tima sounds like real fun when Sainsbury's folk are

around. The most memorable words were those on the liquorice allsorts packets of my youth: Bertie Bassett, a hard-working North Country confectioner, one afternoon served a small boy with a twist of desiccated coconut, then sold a ha'porth of liquorice to another child. He was a tidy man, was Bassett, and on seeing small spillages of the two sweetmeats on his counter, he wetted his finger, picked up the morsels and popped them in his mouth. "Delicious," he said, and built a factory. It was fairytale stuff and I

spent many years popping di-verse foodstuffs into my mouth, hoping to discover something for the production of which I could build a factory. The nearest I came was when I dropped a salted cashew nut into a glass of Benedictine - which did quite a lot for the nut thoughinsufficient to start a business.

### Will money talk enough?

nly his personal fortune has enabled Michael Head-tine to maintain his fiveyear bid for the Tory leadership, many of his supporters freely admit. With an estimated £60 million, he is the richest man in Making history the Commons, and he is reckoned to have spent at least £100,000 a year on his unofficial campaign since he stalked out of the cabinet in January 1986.

In addition to three office staff at Westminster - more than most members of the shadow cabinet employ - Heseltine has a constituency secretary and a chauffeur. The chanffeur was his official driver when Heseltine was a member of the cabinet and is today perhaps the most important member of the term.

Heseltine often addresses four Conservative associations a week, sometimes at opposite ends of the country. The Jaguar which he traded in for a new model in September had clocked up 72,000 miles on party business in two years. Friday evenings, a favourite for Tory meetings, are booked up 12 months in advance and he does not have a spare lunchtime date until February. Every weekday evening throughout parliamentary sessions is booked for dinners with backbench colleagues or Tory pressure groups. Only on Sundays

does he rest. Sir Anthony Meyer, who devoted far less money and effort to his leadership campaign last year, says: "It has been an intensive campaign of gladhanding, and it has been incredibly expensive. If it had not been for Michael's resources he would have needed an

outside backer, which would not have been so effective." Robert Worcester, chairman of Mori, the polling organisation, says: "At some meetings he has addressed only 30 activists. It's like the American rubber-chicken circuit for presidential aspirants:

you visit as many towns and cities as possible, eat rubber-chicken ners and make speeches. It has paid dividends." Today, as his lieutenants at Westminster do the arm-twisting, Heseltine is striding out to the high ground: campaigning in the Tory cause in the two Paisley by-elections.

hatever the outcome of this second challenge to Mrs Thatcher's leadership, it is already clear that no prime minister in recent history has been so openly undermined by those within her own party. "It is hard to think of any precedent," says historian Ben Pimlott, currently writing a biography of Harold Wilson. "There were endless plots against Wilson in the late Sixties, but none ever came to an open contest." Attlee, too, led a cabinet given to intrigue and fought off a number of behind-thescenes moves to oust him, involving among others, Dalton, Cripps and George Brown. The nearest any came to success was in 1945 when, immediately after Labour's general election victory, Herbert Morrison argued that Labour MPs should vote on the leadership before forming a government. But Attlee was no fool. "He was

says Pimlott.

For the Conservatives, he points out, the situation is unique, because until 1975 Conservative MPs did not have a vote on the matter. "The trony is that democracy has, until now, made it harder to get rid of an incumbent. If the leader were still chosen by the old secretive system of the party granders, they would have got rid

already halfway to the Palace",

### of her long ago." Trouville trouvaille

he evocative feel of the seaside in Monet's masterpiece
The Beach at Trouville, due to go on display at the National Gallery later this month, is, it seems, the result of more than



simply oil on canvas. "A great variety of multi-col-oured shell fragments were discovdiscovered that the whole picture is speckled with sand," says John Leighton, the curator of 19thcentury paintings, after cleaning the painting. Originally the sand was touched out after the painting was completed in 1870, and disguised by a layer of coloured varnish. Near the bottom of the canvus, which depicts Monet's wife and the wife of the painter Engene Boudin sitting by the beach, are three especially thick sand clusters that look like fingerprints.

"The sand is really very obvious and quite dramatic. It not only provides a physical record of the painter's presence, but reinforces the spontaneity of the image," says Leighton. But while most of the sand lies on the top of the paint surface, some particles were mixed in with the paint. "It seems Monet probably got sand on his palette and on the painting while he worked on the beach."

### Alas, poor William

he Barbican bosses may not know it yet, but the RSC is back in town and about to perform the entire canon of Shakespeare plays at the Lilian Baylis Theatre. But before booking your seats, be warned. This is the Reduced Shakespeare Company. Comprising three American actors, it decided to step into the breach when the lights went out on the other RSC at the Barbican.

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged), which goes on stage next month, consists of the Bard's works boiled down into a two-hour presenta-tion. "There are 36 plays before the interval and one play after-wards," says a spokeswoman. "Each play is treated differently. Romeo and Juliet is done as a Marx Brothers routine, while 77tus Andronicus becomes a gourmet cookery demonstration."

Hamlet gets what is described as a special "audience participation" treatment. "Yes", says the spokeswoman. "Yorick gets chucked into

the audience."



### Homeward bound To add to President

Gorbachev's troubles, the outspoken dissident Vladimir Bukovsky intends returning to Moscow to join in the agitation against the president's beleaguered regime. Bukovsky, who lives in Cambridge, spent 12 years in a Soviet prison before he was expelled in handcuffs in 1977 in exchange for an imprisoned Chilexchange for an imprisoned Chilean communist. In exile he has continued his attacks and remains unimpressed by glasnost.
"I am one of the few people in

the West who believe Gorbachev is a scoundrel trying to save his skin and as much of the existing system as possible," he says. Next week he attends a meeting in Strasbourg arganised by Tory MEP Lord Bethell at which he will discuss opposition to Gorba- where the ecu coin is produced.

chev with three anti-communist members of the Supreme Soviet. Whether or not Bukovsky. makes it to Moscow depends on the Supreme Soviet nullifying his official categorisation as a state criminal, without that, he runs the risk of being required to complete the six years outstanding on his original prison sentence. Boris Yeltsin has told Bukovsky that a draft law should have been passed enabling him to travel by the end of the year. But not even Yeltsin escapes the lash of Bukovsky's tongue: "He says he wants to form a coalition government with Gorbachev. That's the stupidest thing he could do, and I have no intention of helping him."

### Discord of time

A mong the tributes to Malcolm Muggeridge comes one from someone who did not speak to him for 17 years, the novelist Anthony Powell. Previously close friends, they fell out . over Muggeridge's savage review of Powell's The Valley of Bones in 1964. Happily the estrangement ended when Powell wrote in flattering terms of Muggeridge's diaries, Like It Was, in 1981.

Powell, now 84, recalls: "He wrote me a line afterwards and : was very fimny and agreeable about it. He was a tricky customer who could have sudden, unexpected rows with people close to him. But he could be tremendously amusing, with wonderful qualities. I didn't approve though, of all those photographs of him on his knees praying.

● While Nigel Lawson, Sir Nor-man Fowler and other former cabinet colleagues were much in evidence for Sir Geoffrey Howe's Commons speech on Tuesday, one Commons speech on Tuesday, one recent casualty was notably absent. Nicholas Ridley. Given the circumstances of his resignation, the reason for his absence could hardly have been more inappropriate. He was in Brussels, visiting a mint

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### **COURT CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 14: By command of The Queen, the Lord Reay (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this ricamow Arport, London this morning upon the departure of Princess Alexandra, the Hon Lady Ogilvy and the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy for Spain and bade farewell to Her Royal Highness and Sir Angus Ogilvy on behalf of Her Majesty.

This morning The Princess Royal, President, the Royal Association of British Dairy Egymens, attended a Council

Meeting, 35 Belgrave Square, Commander Roger Walker, RN was in attendance.

London SW1.

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The Duchess of Kent, Patron,

CLARENCE HOUSE November 14: Queen Elizabeth
The Queen Mother today visited Coventry, and honoured
the Lord Mayor of Coventry (Councillor W. Hardy) with her presence at Luncheon at the Council House.
In the afternoon Her Majesty

was present at a Service of Reconciliation in Coventry The Lady Grimthorpe, Sir Martin Gilliat and Captain Conolly Morris-Adams were in

KENSINGTON PALACE November 14: Today is the Anniversary of the Birthday of The Prince of Wales.

KENSINGTON PALACE November 14: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, President, The Queen's Nursing Institute, this afternoon was present at the Annual Open Meeting which was held at Plaisterers' Hall, 1 London Wall, London, EC2. Mrs Michael Harvey was in

Birthdays

today Mr J.G. Ballard, novelist, 60; Mr Daniel Barenboim, pianist and conductor, 48; Sir Geoffrey charder, former director-general, NEDO, 68; Miss Petula Clark, singer, 56; Mr André Deutsch, publisher, 73; Professor Peter Dickinson, pianist and composer, 56; Mr Martin Hammond, beadmaster of Tophides School 46; Mr Grossel bridge School, 46; Mr Gresor MacKenzie, former MP, 63; Mr D.D. Rae Smith, chartered accountant, 71; Sir Wallace of New Zealand, 63; Major-General J.K. Shephoard, 82; Canon Eric Staples, former Chaplain to the Queen, 80; Mr Raiph Stubbs, racehorse trainer, 45; Sir Roger Young, former principal, George Watson's College, Edinburgh, 67.

Peter Phillips is 13 years old today.

Dinners

Anglo-Spanish Society
The Spanish Ambassador,
President of the Anglo-Spanish
Society, presided at the annual dinner heid lest hight at the Royal Over-Seas League, Sir Ronald Lindsay, vice-chairman, received the guests and Lord Nicholas Gordon Lennox was the guest speaker.

National Liberal Clab Lord Banks presided at the annual dinner of the National Liberal Club held last night at the club. Sir David Steel, MP, and Mr David Owen-Jones, chairman of the general com-mittee, were the principal speak-ers. The Bishop of Chichester, Lady Banks, Baroness Robson of Kiddington and Mrs Rachel Kelly were among those present.

London House for Overseas Mr Stephen Carden, Chairman of the London House Trust, and Mr David Emms, Director of the London House for Overseas Graduates, received the guests at the annual arts faculty dinner held at London House last night for graduates at London House and William Goodenough

Institute of Actauries The President of the Institute of Actuaries, Mr Hugh Scurfield, was host last night at dinner held in Staple Inn for guests from the European Communities, and in politics, the City, industry and commerce, education and the professions. Sir Robin Butler, KCB, CVO, Secretary of the Cabinet and Head of the Home Civil Service, replied briefly to Mr Scurfield's

Musicians' Company

The following have been in-Company for the ensuing year. Warden, Mr H. Willis: Junior Warden, Dr A.D. Percival.

Memorial services Sir John Richmond The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs was represented by Sir Donald Logan and the Permanent Under-Secretary of State and Head of the Diplomatic Service by Sir Philip Adams at a

memorial requiem Mass for Sir John Richmond celebrated by Father Vincent Hawe, SJ, yesterday at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm read the lesson and Mrs Richard

Morphet, daughter, led the bidding prayers. Mr Albert Hourani gave an address. The Crown Prince of Jordan was represented by Miss Caroline Totterdill. Among others

present vere:

Lady Richmond twidow), Dr Sam
Richmond tsom), Miss Sopide Richmond (dansher), Mr Rochard Morphet
(son-in-law), Miss Misry Stackle, Mr
Chry Stackle, Miss Misry Stackle, Mr
Chry Stackle, Miss Zoe Shackle, Interterins Morphet and Jack and Maseve
Richmond-Remains tgrandchildren),
Mr S Brunnen, Lady Plowden, Miss
Anna Plowden, Mr Brian Carrin, Mrs
John Brewis, Miss Monica Brewis,

The Authorstein Co. The Ambassador of Sudan. MrYORK HOUSE

November 14: The Duke of Kent, President of the Chest, Heart and Stroke Association, this morning opened CHSA House, Whitecross Street, London EC!.

His Royal Highness this afternoon opened the press Freen noon opened the new Epsom and Ewell Community Hospital, Epsom, Surrey and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Surrey (Mr Richard Thornton).

Mrs Charles Ritchie was in this afternoon attended the cancer Relief Macmillan Fund's Christmas Fair at the rund's Christmas Fair at the Royal Horticultural Society's Old Hall, St Vincent Square, London SWI.

Mrs Colin Marsh was in

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

November 14: Princess Alexandra and Sir Angus Ogilvy, attended by Lady Nicholas Gordon Lennox, left Heathrow Airport, London this morning for Spain where, to mark the 50th Anniversary of the work of the British Council in Spain, Her Royal Highness will open the British Council School at Pozuelo and attend a performance by the Royal National Theatre at the Maria Guerrero Theatre in Madrid.

Theatre in Madrid.

At the Airport, Her Royal Highness and Sir Angus Ogilvy were received by His Excellency Don Felipe de la Morena (Ambassador of Spain), Sir Donald Logan (Special Representative of the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) and Mr William Oatev (Director of Safety and Oatey (Direct Security, He Limited). rector of Safety and Heathrow Airport

### Today's royal engagements

Queen Elizabeth the Que Mother will visit the Royal College of Music at 5.00. Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron of the Blackie Foundation Trust, will attend the Blackie memorial lecture at the Post Graduate Centre of the National Heart and Lung Hospital, Dovehouse Street, at 6.15.

The Duke of Gloucester, as Grand Prior of the Order of St John, will perform the investi-ture of Knights and Dames at St James's Palece et 2.15,

The Duke of Kent, royal fellow, will are ad the Officed Paumon ecture at the Royal Society at

The Duchess of Kent, as a trustee of the Jacqueline du Pré Memorial Fund, will attend a concert at the Festival Hall at

Prince Michael of Kent, as a liveryman of the Leathersellers' Company, will attend the annual dinner at Leathersellers' Hall at 7.30.

### Receptions

The partners of Monier-Wil-liams held a reception last night at the Tallow Chandlers' Hall in celebration of the founding of the firm in 1790. A toast was proposed by His Hon Judge E.F. Monier-Williams. The senior partner, Mr Derek Kirby Johnson, responded.

University College London
Dr. D.H. Roberts, Provost of
University College London, and Mrs Roberts, were hosts to an Alumnus Day reception held yesterday at the college. Sir Robin Ibbs, chairman of the college council, presented UCL Gold Medals to Lord Prior, Mrs Ann Rylands and Professor G. R. Stewart on behalf of the

anonymous donor. Among those present were:
Lady libbs, Lady Prior, Mr Jack
Rylands, Mrs C.R. Stewart, Sir James
and Lady Lighthill, Sir Henry and
Lady Philips, Lady Aird, Sir James
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Bakton, section, public order, Professor M W Sweles, Major-General TraBalton, section, surface of the college,
the player and Mayoress of Camden;
and Professor E H Brown, alumnus
director. those present were:

Mayor of Kensington and The Mayor and Mayoress of Kensington and Chelsea held a reception last night at the Town Hall, Kensington. Ambassadors, High Commi sioners and other members of the Diplomatic Corps among the guests.

### Service luncheon

HMS Vicesy Admiral Sir Jeremy Black, Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command, was host at a luncheon held yesterday on board HMS Victory. The Earl of Arran, Under-Secretary of State for the Armed Forces, was the

Embassy of Jordan), Lady Trevelyan, Lord Manfrew, Sir John and Lety Lord Manfrew, Sir John and Lety Manfrew, Sir John and Lety Manfrew, Sir John and Lety College, and Lety John and Lety Arthur, Lady Arthur, Lady Arthur, Lady Golha, Moberley, Sir Donald Hawiery, Sir Martin Le Quegna, Lady Duke, Lady Piches, Eff Haruld Design (chadranan, Manfrey of Er Haruld Design (chadranan, Manfrey College), Chadranan, Manfrey Manfrey Design (Chadranan, Manfrey Chadranan, Manfrey Design (Chadranan, Manfrey Design Manfrey Desig

A memorial service for Mrs Menna Prestwich, emeritus fellow, St Hilda's College, was held on Saturday at the Univer-sity Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford. The Rev W.S.D. Sykes officiated. Mrs Mary Bennett and Professor Michael Prestwich, son, read the lessons Miss Catherine Pestell gave an

### **OBITUARIES**

# MALCOLM MUGGERIDGE



Malcolm Muggeridge, iournalist, broadcaster and author, died yesterday at the age of 87. He was born on March 24, 1903.

AS AN irreverent and provocative journalist and broadcaster, and most recently as a Christian apologist, Malcolm Muggeridge had an enormous influence in the Englishspeaking world, seeming to bear out the truth of Thomas Carlyle's dictum; "The writers of newspapers, pamphlets, books, these are the effective church of a modern country". He had begun in journalism as a foreign correspondent, and not all his own deeply held beliefs, even prejudices, about certain subjects could prevent him from being an objective and clear-sighted one. But for most of his life as a journalist he was, supremely, a proponent of argument and a creator of controversy. His incisive style and wide range of ref-erence combined with an ability to express complex thoughts in a way which brought them into the realm of everyday concerns, gave his utterances wide currency. As he moved in his later years towards whole-hearted re-ligious belief the label "St Mugg" which stuck to him reflected an affectionate view of his posture as "reformed rake" which might, in another, have been found ridiculous.

As he it was he became, largely

commentaries on politics, re-

at most influential, at the very

est much enjoyed.

Malcolm Muggeride was born in Croydon. His father was a lawyer's clerk who became Labour MP for Romford. His mother came from a working-class Sheffield background. His father's crusading socialism was the strongest influence on him. Malcoim, who shared his father's Fabian enthusiasms, was educated at Selburst Grammar School and later at Selwyn College, Cambridge, where as a state school boy and a socialist he experienced a sense of isolation which he never wholly lost. At Cambridge he first grew in-terested in religion through meeting Alec Vidler, then a fellow Selwyn undergraduate and later a well-known Anglican priest and theologian.

Muggeridge accepted an offer from the Rev W. E. S. O. Holland to teach at the Union Christian College at Alwaye in South India. Here he gradually became disillusioned with organised religion and began to flirt with anarchism. He also produced his first journalism while at Alwaye.

Returning to England in 1927, Muggeridge taught for a short time at a state school in Birmingham. In the same year he married Kitty Dobbs, a niece of Beatrice Webb, and sailed for Egypt where he had accepted a teaching post at Cairo University. He started to submit articles to the Manchester Guardian and in 1930, thanks to the encouragement of Arthur Ransome, he took a job on the paper's editorial staff. In September 1932, shocked by Ramsay MacDonald's betrayal of the Labour party and convinced that the USSR offered the only alternative, Muggeridge be-came the Guardian's Moscow correspondent. His intention was to live the rest of his life

The nine months in the Soviet Union marked the turning point of Muggeridge's life. He new at firm hand the tyranny and oppression of Stalin's regime and the terrible effects of famine in the Ukraine. What made an indelible impression, however, was the blindness to these through television, something evils of Western visitors of a household suru whose liberals and fellow-travellers later described brilliantly in ligion and social affairs were his novel Winter in Moscow— which distillusioned him for ever of the ideals that sustained his father and so many of his contemporaries.

Returning to England Muggeridge wrote a novel, Picture Palace, satirising the Guardian, which was suppressed after the paper threatened legal action. Leaving his wife and children in London, he now went to India and worked on The Statesman in Calcutta for a year, describing it later as "easily the most melancholy of my life". In 1935 he joined the Evening Standard's Londoner's Diary under Robert Bruce-Lockhart. Encouraged, however, by his great friend Hugh Kingsmill, he gave up daily journalism in 1936 and went to live at Whatlington in Sussex where Vidler became a lifelong be wrote his deeply pessimisfication of America. His most successions friend and it was partly thanks the book In a Valley of this to book In a Valley of this ful programme, the making of fallible. Until the onset of old into the Catholic faith in 1982, to his influence that, on Restless Mind (1938). At the leaving Cambridge, outbreak of the second world fluence on him, was Some restless and dissatisfied. But and one daughter.

war Muggeridge joined the Intelligence Corps. He was later transferred to MI6 and spent most of the war as an agent in Lourenco Marques. this period Minggeridge's way in 1944 be was sent to of life was gradually altering. After many years of restless change, he had finally settled liberated Paris where he be-friended P. G. Wodehouse, recently released from his internment in Germany. Typically Muggeridge found himself out of tune with the prevailing political trend. In 1945, following the massive Labour victory at the polls, he became a leader writer on The

Daily Telegraph and in 1946 went to Washington as the paper's correspondent. In 1950 he was appointed deputy In 1952, following the signation of Kenneth Bird (the cartoonist Fougasse), Muggeridge was offered the editorship of Punch, the only outsider ever to be considered for the post. He quickly overcame any resentment on the part of the staff and remained for five years, transforming the staid old periodical into something much more lively and satirical, encouragng artista like André François

and Ronald Searle and bringing in contributors of the calibre of Anthony Powell, Claud Cockburn and John Betjeman. Not all readers were pleased. The Archbishop of Canterbury wrote to complain and there was a major furore when an Illingworth cartoon was published show-ing Winston Churchill, then prime minister, as a senile old man. Muggeridge, however, all manifestations of power. could never sustain an interest in any job for long and in 1957 he resigned.

orana he was already well following a press furore in 1957 about a critical article on the monarchy which he wrote for the Saturday Evening Post, he was subsequently re-employed and throughout the 1960s appeared regularly on television, making a number of memorable films, notably Twilight of Empire (1964) in which he revisited India and Ladies and Gentlemen, It is My Pleasure (1965), a hilarious account of a lecture tour

thing Beautiful for God, a film about Mother Teresa of Calcutta which was later (1971) published as a book.During

at Robertsbridge in Sussex, where he was to remain for the rest of his life. He became a vegetarian, gave up drinking removed". In 1966 he published Tread Softly for You Tread on My Jokes, a collection of his journalism which showed the range of his experience, the elegance and wit of his style. In 1972 the Wasted Time: The Green Stick was published, followed by The Infernal Grove (1973). Muggeridge never completed his memoirs, though a volume of diaries Like It Was was published in 1981. With its lucid prose and brilliant descriptive writing, this book did more than any other finally to establish Muggeridee as a writer of senius who could not be dismissed as a more

back journalist. Though his critics accused Maggaridge of inconsistency and hypocrisy, certain themes remained constant in all hiswriting, in particular his own sense of "not belonging", of being "a stranger in a strange land". He was by nature anarchic and was repelled by Though he could on occasion be over-dispar As a result of his appear- his general good humour and ances on such programmes as lack of malice made all his Any Questions? and Pan- criticism highly enjoyable. His particular scorn was reserved for liberals and progressives though the corporation allies of totalitarianism. Like dropped him for a short time, his friend Grosse C. Like Muggeridge had about him something of the aura of the prophet, though like Orwell's his political prophecies were doomed not always to be

> supported by historical evenis. Muggeridge was never a he seldom bothered with records and research material, trusting in his memory which

gradual conversion to Christianity was not, as some critics said, the reaction of an elderly voluptuary who had taken his fill of the world's pleasures. Religion had been a constant obsession which was reflected in nearly all his writing. The Earnest Atheist, a study of Samuel Butler, was a

savage assault from a position of orthodoxy on a writer who ing television, telling everyone amongst agnostics and that he had had his "serials progressives." The The Thirties (1940) was the moral confusion that follows a loss of faith. What prevented for so long any positive religious development was Muggeridge's anarchic spirit, his scorn for organisations and first volume of his auto-biography Chronicles of his attitude as much to the churches as to political perties. Only when he was nearly 80 did he "drift" into the Roman Catholic church, partly under the influence of Mother Teresa, though his admiration of Pope John Paul II and the church's opposition to abortion and enthanesia also played their part.

Those who knew only his acerbic and gloomy public persons were supprised to find him in private warm-hearted, generous and unfailingly cheerful With the help of his wife, Kitty, whose loyalty and saintly spirit sustained him throughout his life, to the extent that it was never possible to think of them apart, he kept open house and never failed to give help and encouragement to friends, disci-

ples, misfits and strangers. times gave needless offence, writings were mainly concerned with religious themes, he never lost his interest in politics and remained an inveterate gossip with an Aubrey-like fastination with the lives of his contemporaries. He experienced intense piessure in his daily life with Kitty, in being a grandfather, in listening to music and inwalking in the Sussex countryside. Muggeridge spent the last few years of his life quietly, only very occasionally appearing on television or giving interviews. But he never lost calculating man. He acted on his zest for publicity. The impulse, "drifting along" as he most important published himself put it. When writing production of those last years, Conversion (1988), seems to show that he did achieve

religious certainty.

# TOM CLANCY

Tom Clancy, Irish falk singer and actor, died on November 7 in Cork at the age of 67. He was born in Carrick-on-Suir, Co Tipperary, in 1923,

THE sons of the Claney family became entertainers at least became entertainers at least partly became the idea of being paid for doing something they enjoyed appealed to them; Thomas John Cancy tried his hand as a before when he was 14 and at the sac of 17 joined the RAF, as tild his older brother Patrick. Tom flew missions over Camany and North Africa applither the war joined Shakemetrians war joined Shake Internationale, an Iretal in the 1950s, Tom and Pat

travelled to the USA, where they took up acting at the Playhouse in Cleveland, Ohio. Later, in New York, Tom-played for a while in off-Broadway theatre. Then on Broadway the acted in support of Helen Hayes (in Engene O'Neill's Touch of the Poet). Orson Welles (in King Lage) Orson Welles (in King Lear) and Siobhan McKenna (in and Stobhan McKenna (in Shaw's St Joan). The two brothers rented the Cherry Lane Theatre in New York's Greenwich Village, wherethey gave folk concerts to raise the ent money. In 1956 Tom and Pat were joined by their younger brother Liam, who brought with him a fine North of Ireland singer, Tommy Makem. In the more impocent days before the present troubles, folk groups could draw upon both green and crange hallads without decour and the four recorded the tracks of a disc with rebel sentiments, Pat set up the Tradition label to issue and distribute the

The group decided to try performing for six months. The six months became 30 years. When the group was booked for the Ed Sullivan television show, a hitch in the programming led to the extension of their spot from three minutes to 18 minutes, Next day they woke up famous,

The brothers and Tommy toured internationally and played the Carnegie Hall, New York, and Royal Albert Hall: London. In 1965 they topped the bill at the first Cambridge Folk Festival, and, in 1985, Ken Woollard invited them



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back to celebrate the 21st festival. It was a group re-union. Tommy Makem hadleft in 1969 and Liam in 1975. By that time they had made 50 albums, mainly for Columbia (CBS in Britain) and Vanguard. Tom and Pat teamed with Bobby Clancy, a younger brother, and a cousin, Robbie O'Connell, to form a group that tomed in the 1980s. Tom Clancy turned to television and appeared in the Incredible Hulk, Charlie's Angels, and Little House on the Prairie.

Liam Clancy and Tommy Makem were the group's vocal mainstays. But Tom Clancy built on his acting strengths to add drama to the group's' presentation of (mainly) Irish songs. Some were rebel songs, some Dublin music hall, some from the finest streams of

# Forthcoming marriages

Mr CJ. Berthord
and Mas CRJ. Seys Phillips
The engagement is announced
between Charlton, son of Sir martin and Lady Berthoud, of Port of Spain, Trinidad, and Clare, daughter of the late Mr Michael Seys-Phillips and of Mrs Joyce Seys-Phillips, of Mereworth, Kent.

Mr N.P. Bray and Miss K.N.M.A. Noniaka The engagement is announced between Nigel, son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Bray, of Redditch,

Worcestrshire, and Kim, only daughter of Mr and Mrs. Henry Noujaim, of Chetwode, Buckinghamshire.

Mr M.P. Clancy and Miss P.A. Maera The engagement is announced between Michael Paul, son of between Michael Paul, son of the late William Clancy and of Patricia Clancy, of Cambuslang, Glasgow, and Patricia Ann, daughter of Robert J. Maerz and Eileen Power-Maerz, of West Hartford, Connecticut, USA.

Mr S.N. Denison and Miss V.M. Wright and Miss V.M. Wright
The engagement is announced
between Simon, youngest son
of His Honour Judge Neil
Denison, QC, of London, SW8,
and of Mrs Philippa Napier, of
Oxted, Surrey, and Victoria,
younger daughter of Mr and Mrs
Neville Wright, of Vine Cottage,
Sevenouls. Kent.

Baren Strathlech and Contesse de Frenty
The engagement is announced
between the Rev Lawrence Durdin-Robertson, Baron Strathloch, of Clonegal Castle, Co Carlow, and Joan, Comtesse de Frenzy, only daughter of Captain Gerald Odell Furlong, of Ardmore and Ballinaparks, Co Waterfood

and Miss A.C. Wright

Mr N.A.V. Fint and Miss A. Parry-Williams The engagement is announced between Noel, son of the late Mr M.J. Flint and of Lady Rougier and stepson of the Hon Sir Richard Rougier, of Kensington, London, SW7, and Amanda, daughner of Dr H.W. Parry-Williams and the late Mrs. Jennifer Parry-Williams, of Dancher, Berishine.

and Miss C.H. Aldred The engagement is announced between Richard Buchanan, only son of the late Mr Jack Kerr and of Mrs J. Kerr, of Bedford, and Charlotte Helen, second daughter of Mr R.W. Aldred, of Cornwall, and Mrs Jeffrey Elter, of High Halden, Kent.

Mr S.M.P. Ling and Miss C.M.S. Wight The engagement is announced between Simon Michael Pirie, elder son of Mr Michael H.W. Ling, of Bexhill on-Sea, and the late Mrs Jill Ling, and Catriona Mary Susan, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin A.F. Wight,

Mr S.J. Page and Miss L.J. Blackmore The engagement is announced between Sebastian James, eldest between Sebastian James, eldest son of Mr C.M. Page, of Casa Na SRa Do Cabo, Azoiz, Sintra, Portugal, and only son of the Duchess of Hamilton, of Areadia, Magnetic Island, Queensland, Australia, and Laura Jane, eldest daughtr of Mr R.G. Blackmore, of Barnes, Loodon, and beloved and only London and beloved and only daughter of Mrs J.M. Black-more, of Woodbine Cottage, Shallerd, Geildfard, Surry,

The engagement is announced between John Alexander between John Alexander Lindsay, elder son of Major General and Mrs John M.L. Macdonald, of Wallabadah, New South Wales, Australia, and formerly of Ballintuim, Perthshire, and Alice Clare, younger drugater of Mr and Mrs Neil Wright, of Uppungham, Rutland. The marriage will take place in Australia. place in Australia. Mr P.A.E. Oppermen and Miss C.J. Robson

The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of Mr Michael Opperman, of Tenbury, Worcestershire, and of Mrs Derek Edwards, of

Selborne, Hampshire, and Charlotte, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs John Robson, of Duchling, Sussex. Mr S.J. Skidmore and Miss D.L. Wilson The engagement is amounced between Simon, son of Mr C. Skidmore and Mrs B. Ross, of Chisichurst, and Derryn, second daughter of Mr and Mrs J.G. Wilson, of Beckenham, Kent.

Marriage

Mr R.A.D. Acland and Miss A.J. Osberne
The marriage took place on Saturday, November 10, at St Mary the Virgin, Pitton, Barnstaple, between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Martin Acland, of Standon Green End, Ware, and Alison, daughter of Dr and Mrs Bruce Osborne, of Westacott. Barnstaple. The Rev Westacott, Barnstaple. The Rev John Spear officiated. A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent

**Anniversaries** 

BIRTHS: William Pitt the Elder, 1st Earl of Chathara, prime minister 1756-61, 1766-68, London, 1708; Sir William el, astronomer, Hanover 1738; Johann Lavater, poet, Zurich, 1741; Angust Krogh, physiologist, Nobel laureate 1920, Grenas, Denmark, 1874; 1920, Grenas, Denmark, 1874;
DEATHS: Johannes Kepler,
astronomer, Regensburg, Germany, 1630; Christoph Gluck,
composer, Vienna, 1787;
George Romney, portrait
painter, Kendal, Cumbria, 1802;
Tz'u Hsi, empress dowager of
China, Peking, 1908; Lionel
Barrymore, actor, Van Nuys,
California, 1954.

Luncheons

**HM** Government Mr Peter Lilley, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, presided at a luncheon given yesterday by Her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House in honour of Mr Tadeusz Syryjczyk, Polish Minister for Industry.

GB-USSR Association
Viscount Whitelaw, CH, President of the Great Britain-USSR Association, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at the Cariton Club in honour of MrRobin Leigh-Pemberton. Sir Curtis Keehle, Sir Rouald McIntosh, Mr Peter Bonfield, Mr Walter Hogbin and MrRoderic Lyne were the other maste.

Lunchtime Comm Lunchtime Comment Club. Lieutenant-Colonel Richard Dixon, Commandant of the Royal Marines School of Music, Deal, was the guest speaker at a luncheon of the Lunchtine Comment Club held yesterday at the New Connaught Rooms. Mr Adrian Mezzetti, chairman, presided. presided.

Reith lecture

# Dr Sacks picks holes in consumer culture

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS REPORTER

as unrestricted pursuit of astated our physical environment, Dr Jonathan Sacks, the chief rabbi-elect, said last

night.
Delivering his first Reith lecture on BBC Radio 4, Dr Sacks said: "There is, if you like, a God-shaped hole in our ozone layer."

People have not stopped identifying themselves as religious individuals and thinking in religious ways. They still see suffering and poverty as things we ought somehow to relieve."

He said: "The human being as consumer neither is, nor can be, all we are and a social system built on that premise will fail. The east has engaged in self-examination and has turned for inspiration to the west. But the west has yet to return the compliment and ask whether its own social fabric is in a state of good

"I believe it is not. And the problem is not with our economic and political systems, but in a certain emptiness at the head of our common life. Something has been lost in our consumer

OUR religious beliefs have beyond ourselves that was been profoundly croded, just expressed in our great, religious traditions. It is economic growth has deve not something whose eclipse.

we can contemplate with equanimity. Religious faith is central to a humane social. order. To paraphrase a rabbinic saying if we have only a, secular society, even a secular society we will not have. "We are less sure than we were that the future will be: better than the past, that

economic growth is open ended or that utopia can be brought by any sort of revolution. So long as confidence in human progress remained high, religious beliefs seem a dispensable commodity. We cannot edit God out of the language and leave our social. world unchanged."

In last night's lecture, which, will be repeated on Monday on Radio 3, Dr Sacks said that it was in the 1960s, the "decade of doing your own thing", that morality began to seem simply a matter of personal choice. Since then, we have become increasingly. aware of the problems of our social ecology.

The series of Reith lectures entitled "The Persistence of Faith: Religion and Ethics in a Secular Society, will, culture that sense of meaning continue until December 19.

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# **GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE?**

The contest for the Conservative leadership should not have been necessary. It arose as a result of Giulio Andreotti's mismanagement of the Rome summit in October and the resulting shambles over economic union. Hardly since Pope Clement VII refused to allow Henry VIII to divorce Catherine of Aragon has British politics been so shaken by events in Rome. Although some other European leaders privately shared her frustration, Margaret Thatcher's intemperate reaction in the House of Commons to her treatment in Rome came when she was most vulnerable to critics at home - and just far enough ahead of the next election to make a challenge plausible.

Now that there is to be a fight, the Conservative party should make the best of it. Compared with other constitutional systems, the mantle of leadership in British politics rests securely on the shoulders of its wearers. No lasting harm need be done by putting that leadership to an occasional test in the electoral college of the party system.

In former times, Conservative leaders suffered from hostile conspiracy in the private corridors and clubrooms of Westminster. Such disagreement as might exist between them and their colleagues was shared only between the party's great and good. The reforms that brought Edward Heath to power in 1965 establishing Tory MPs as the electoral college for the party leadership - forced such disagreement into the open.

But parties usually eject their leaders only in opposition, as Mrs Thatcher ousted Mr Heath in 1975. Never in modern times has a prime minister faced so direct a challenge by a leading opponent within the same party as Mrs Thatcher does today. The parliamentary Conservative party is to stage a full-blown primary contest for the leadership in what is clearly the run-up to the next election. The electorate for this primary may be a closed one, but the campaign will be painfully open.

Mr Heseltine has declared, as needs he must, that the issue between himself and Mrs Thatcher is one of style. Such is the cohesive character of modern Conservatism that for him to declare a deep ideological fissure within three years of fighting an election alongside her would look odd. Like Sir Geoffrey Howe and

various other Thatcher refuseniks, Mr Heseltine has made something of Mrs Thatcher's handling of Europe. But wary of getting lost in murky Euro-metaphor and jargon, he must emphasise that Mrs Thatcher's alleged shortcomings are those of vision and temperament rather than substance.

Yesterday Mr Heseltine also brought up the bugbear of the poll tax. His promise to seek its swift revision must have put joy into the hearts of dozens of hard-pressed Tory backbenchers. As the Bradford by-election showed, the tax has not lost its odium at the hustings, even if opinion surveys indicate that it may be overtaken by interest rates in the concerns of the wider electorate. Mr Heaeltine has always sought sanity in local government finance, so in this he has a strong suit to play.

Mrs Thatcher will meet the challenge with

the vigour and strength that comes from incumbency. She is sound in body and mind. She has a programme which, though looking a little tired and unradical, is backed by her unshakeable belief in economic non-intervention, sound money and personal incentive. She will argue that she received a mandate in 1979. has had it twice renewed, and wishes to see it through. Those of her followers who do not like her style can choose to ignore it and concentrate on the substance of her policies they have known about her style long enough. On the substance, they stood and fought three elections, and won them. Whether this argument washes will determine the outcome of the contest. Politics is about style as much as substance, for style attracts electors and thereby legitimises political power.

The Conservative party has been at its most potent when led by leaders canable of evincing a strong personal response from the public -Disraeli, Baldwin, Churchill and, indeed, Mrs Thatcher - none of whom was quite at home with the arts of the clubroom. But even the party's strongest leaders must eventually give way to a successor. Mrs Thatcher has shown scant mercy to both her colleagues and her parliamentary supporters of late. Now it is on their mercy that she must throw herself. In the next few days, The Times will examine to what extent that mercy is merited.

### HIGH NOON IN BRUSSELS

The meeting tomorrow in Brussels between the European Community and the American officials in charge of the Gatt's Uruguay round of negotiations to liberalise world trade must not be allowed to fail. For after four years of talks, only three weeks now remain in which to rescue the round from collapse.

Should that happen, the costs in terms of the lost opportunity to free trade in agriculture, services and 13 other areas would be enormous. The chance to develop more effective rules for settling trade disputes would he lost. The postwar trading system would be severely weakened. Trade wars would be inevitable, eliminating many of the past gains achieved under the Gatt. Competitive subsidies and other protectionist barriers would proliferate, setting back for years the cause of global economic integration.

There would be political costs too. The EC's international standing would suffer, because if the round fails, the Community will be squarely blamed. Difficulties persist in many of the sectors covered by the talks, notably in services. But the main stumbling-block is agriculture, where the real obstacle to agreement is the EC's spineless obeisance to its

farming lobbies. The EC had four years in which to respond to demands by the US and the 14-nation Cairus Group of agricultural exporters to phase out trade-distorting farm subsidies. Having dithered until last week, it produced an offer which fell short even of its own commitments to "progressive and substantial reductions". Where the EC's trade partners seek deep cuts, Brussels offers only a 15 per cent drop below existing levels. Underlying this is the refusal of the EC to admit that the common agricultural policy has had its day, and that the only real question is how quickly it can be phased out.

The EC offer would continue to protect

European farmers against imports (sheltering beef producers, for example, behind an 88 per cent tariff wall). It would raise some tariffs and maintain EC export subsidies, the most tradedistorting form of payments. Not surprisingly, when this lame horse was entered into the

running last weekend, it fell at the first fence. At the White House on Tuesday President Bush elicited a pledge from Jacques Delors and the current president of the European Council, Giulio Andreotti, to make every effort to salvage the talks. That promise will be put to secretary, Clayton Yeutter, and Carla Hills, the US trade representative, arrive in Brussels.

If a compromise is to be cobbled from this travesty of a negotiation, the European Community has to meet the others at least halfway. Ray MacSharry, the EC agriculture commissioner, now says that the US and the EC are in reality close to agreement, the main difference being their methods of calculation. He failed to say why, if so, the EC refuses to save the talks by adopting the US proposals as a basis for negotiations.

Agriculture, which accounts for 5 per cent of EC exports and less than a tenth of its workforce, cannot dictate EC policy in this critical negotiation. Britain has argued steadily for a realistic offer. But France and Germany, riveted by the EC's designs for European integration, have behaved with as much parochialism as they are apt to accuse Mrs Thatcher of exhibiting. In London this week Mr Yeutter transposed John Donne's famous words about no man being an island. Today, he said, each nation is "a part of the economic main, a piece of the Continent of man". At this eleventh hour, the EC must set aside its preoccupations with its own continent and meet the challenge those words throw out.

# REVOLUTION WITHOUT ROOTS

Mrs Thatcher fights on, but how strong is Thatcherism? The British Social Attitudes survey, published today, suggests that it still only goes skin deep. Individualism, entrepreneurship and a belief in traditional morality, the main articles of the Thatcherite creed, have simply failed to establish themselves. The revolution she sought has, not taken root, Attitudes are unchanged, British life flows on, and the culture remains curiously unaffected.

Take self-employment, often cited as a measure of the entrepreneurial spirit. Selfemployment increased sharply in the 1980s, from about 8 per cent of the workforce to more than 13 per cent now, an apparent franking of Thatcherite claims. But the survey's analysis suggests that the growth of self-employment is wholly due to economic necessity. People would still prefer good, old-fashioned jobs.

Or take another touchstone of Thatcherism, the desire to reduce, while reforming, the welfare state. The BSA study shows clear majority support - including, for the first time, among Conservative voters - for raising taxes to fund increased public expenditure. More money for the health service is seen as the overwhelming priority. Very few want to see a further wielding of the Chancellor's knife.

This raises a question mark over some of the central rhetoric (if not the practice, since spending on the health service has actually increased since 1979 by 50 per cent) of the Thatcher years. It explains why, good politicians all, departmental ministers boast like mad about how much more the state is spending, while the Treasury boasts how tough the limits are. Labour might do well to take note. Fearful of being labelled spendthrift, Labour has shied away from espousing more public spending. Yet that is what Labour governments are traditionally supposed to be about. In this instance at least, Mr Kinnock may be too cautious for his own good.

The development of public opinion on family matters is less clear-cut. The traditional nuclear family is no longer the statistical norm but nostalgia for it persists. Having two children is regarded as optimal. They should be reared by a couple living together, and preferably married, with the mother staying home to look after them. Yet only a small, mainly elderly minority still holds to the view held by most people in 1980 that husbands should work and women should look after the home, children or no children.

The BSA study is authoritative and now runs as an impressive time series over seven years. Yet it is still based to a large extent on responses to "feel-good" questions, those to which positive answers can be given without fear of personal and especially economic consequences. Notoriously, people want better services much more than they want to pay

higher taxes to fund them. Moreover, even in a democratic age, mass opinion is not the sole - or even the chief indicator of where society stands. Were a society to seek to govern itself by adapting its policy to every whim of public opinion, it would rapidly be faced with contradictions,

even breakdown. Thatcherism as a philosophy has not won the sentimental allegiance of the masses (though, so far, they have been happy enough to back it in the polling booths). It has, however, undeniably shifted elite opinion. Most thinking people today do not believe the same political creed that most thinking people believed a decade ago. That is a trend of Thatcherism which goes deeper and may survive longer than any in today's survey.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

similar scrutiny? The lack of such accountability in the present Conservative party system denies

many who have voted them into

office the information needed for

reconsidering their verdict. Yet such a facility is vital when major

issues transcend and may split

Manor Close,
 Ashby-de-is-Zouch, Leicestersbire,
 November 12.

Sir, When choosing a leader, the

Conservative party ensures that he or she obtains an overall majority

in any third ballot by transferring

second-choice votes to the two

the party please explain why I, as an ordinary voter, have to use a first-past-the-post system which

does not ensure that the winner has an "overall" majority?

Sir, From my observation the

prime minister is not anti-Europe, but she does understand British

The strength of self-interest is

not always understood and is often attacked by self-seekers. No one could accuse the prime min-

ister of being a self-seeker. Perhaps

the media could change their

Yours faithfully, CHIPS KESWICK (Chairman),

Sir, This country needs Mrs Thatcher's leadership and determ-

ination. Look where Britain has

come in 11 years. Of course there

have been some mistakes. No one

could avoid that when so much

our leader and pilot just when we

need her most, when both she and

we are entering some very rough water. She deserves and needs

From Mr W. E. Goston-Watson

Yours faithfully, W. E. GOFTON-WATSON,

Sir, What guarantee do we have that, if the prime minister is given

Don't let us talk of abandoning

Hambros Bank Limited.

From Sir Charles Tidbury

41 Tower Hill, BC3.

has been done.

support.

Yours sincerely.

November 13.

CHARLES TIDBURY,

20 Queen Anne's Gate,

Westminster, SW1.

out, she will walk?

Would some helpful member of

party allegiances. Yours faithfully,

LEWIS STRETCH.

From Mr R. G. Ventress

remaining candidates.

Yours faithfully, R. G. VENTRESS,

6 Finctum Close

From Mr J. C. L. Keswick

### Tory leadership in open dispute

From Mr Sydney Shenton Sir, Europe is a principal issue in the Conservative party's diffi-culties. Looming behind everything, however, are severe domestic problems; the total disappearance of the economic miracle, deterioration in almost every aspect of public services and associated investment, greater so-cial differences than at any time

since Victorian days.

Opinion polls confirm that bout four out of every five of the electorate desire a change of prime minister. Whatever the outcome of the leadership elections, this is a situation the Conservative party cannot possibly ignore. What Sir Geoffrey Howe has reminded us all about, however, in vivid words, is the extra dimension to

the European venture.
Conspicuous by its absence from Mrs Thatcher's whole approach has been the vision of all unity, the working together of all the nations and communities of the EC for mutual benefit, the richer helping the poorer, the realisation of secure peace for the Continent for future generations, an example of stability and cooperation for the whole world. It is regrettable that these aims of unity and social cohesion vouchsafed by the prime minister when she took office have fallen by the wayside. Her failure of ransfer and exposition of th ideals to the new Europe look like being of major significance in her immediate and future standing.

Sincerely, SYDNEY SHENTON, 95 The Crescent, Davenport, Stockport, Cheshire. November 14.

From Mr Gerhard Spanier Sir, Tory MPs and the media seem to be concerned only with the effects of the leadership crisis on the fortunes of the Conservative party in general and, in the case of MPs, especially on the outcome of

the next general election. The fact that their decision also determines the premiership and the international representation of this country seems to be of no concern to them. Yours faithfully, G. SPANTER.

549 Middle Road, Ravenhill, Swansea, West Glamorgan. November 11.

From Mr Lewis Stretch Sir, MPs are representatives, not delegates, and so are entitled to vote in accordance with their judgment and conscience. Yet the corollary is that they must stand up and be counted, so that those they represent can judge whether

they are fit to do so.

Ought not the arrangements for secting party leaders to be open to

BSB/Sky merger

### From the Chief Executive of Channel 4 Television

striction on cross-media owner-

ship forms an integral and neces-

sary component, creating a level playing field for all players. News international may only "own" 35 per cent of the press, but that in

itself unfairly penalises its tele-

vision competitors who are legally prohibited from such linkages.

Yours Bithfully

Chief Executive,

Yours faithfully

7 Amhurst Court,

HENRY G. BUTTON.

Grange Road, Cambridge.

MICHAEL GRADE,

hannel 4 Television

60 Charlotte Street, W1.

From Mr H. G. Button

Desserts and diet

Sir, How can Mrs Eileen Blaiklock

(November 6) describe fresh fruit and sorbets as "a pudding"? The

very word suggests something weighty, such as Ginger Sponge and Spotted Dog. These are

Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

From the Chairman of the Broad-casting Complaints Commission Sir, I hope that the chairman of News International will not accuse me of being emotional if I quietly Sir, Michael Grade (November 9) draw attention to two important wrote about the long-term probpoints in his well-honed letter on the lems arising from the satellite TV BSB/Sky merger (November 12). First, we should not be seduced merger. He wrote of an urgent need for a common regulatory by his vision of the theoretical free

market in satellite television, There is another need: for promising future expansion of viewers to have access, within the terms of the Broadcasting Act, to a choice on the Astra satellite. The recent merger itself demonstrates statutory complaints body. Viewers of all programmes broadcast that there is not room for two major profitable satellite services by the ITC's licensees, which in Britain. If there were, then why would have included the old BSB. the shotgun marriage?
Second, if, as Mr Knight declares, Sky will from January 1 will be able to complain to us of unjust or unfair treatment or of unwarranted infringement of pri-vacy. This also applies to viewers abide by the TTC's regulatory framework, then surely he must accept that the 20 per cent re-

of BBC programmes. Viewers will not be able to do so, as the law at present stands, when they have grounds for complaint about programmes for the new British Sky Broadcasting. This seems unfair to the public and to the other broadcasters.

Yours truly, SHIRLEY ANGLESEY, Chairman, Broadcusting Complaints Commission. Grosvenor House. Grosvenor Gardens, SW1. November 10.

### RSC sponsorship

From Mr Trevor Nunn Sir, Your editorial of October 31 micrepresented the financial facts contributing to the Royal Shakespeare Company's current crisis, stating that under my leadership the company was "notoriously averse to private sponsorship".

The fact is that the RSC was the first into the field of sponsorship (appointing a head of fundraising and spousorship in 1980) and that it invariably topped the league table of theatre companies securing privalt patronege.

The total during my administra-tion of the RSC amounted to £1\_398,853. Since my departure, and mainly through the extra-ordinary generosity of Royal In-surance, the company has secured more than another £2 million in sponsorship and continues to achieve higher levels of private patronage than any other group in

As well as concentrating on fundraising. I urged the company towards a policy of greater self-help. This led directly to the presentation of Les Misérables which, since its opening at the Barbican five years ago, has contributed a further £1 million a year to the RSC's bank balance. Yours faithfully.

TREVOR NUNN (Director), Homevale Ltd., Gloucester Mansions, Cambridge Circus, WCZ

November 8.

### Cant and clarity on global gases

From Sir Ian Lloyd, MP for Havant (Conservative) Sir, Nigel Hawkes ("Is this really a scientist speaking?", November 8) accuses the prime minister of accepting "cant on global warming" and describes the issue as an inverted pyramid of implications resting on a handful of facts". Judging merely by the evidence presented at the Council of Europe conference in Ottawa in June and at the British Association meeting

As chairman of the board of the Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology, charged with providing parliament with objective advice on such issues, I would like to comment on the way in which policy-makers have to deal with such scientific issues and the uncertainties involved.

in Swansea in August, it is some

Some things are clear. There is a preenhouse effect and a sizeable one - otherwise this planet would not be habitable. We also know without dispute which gases cause it and that they are increasing through man's activities. Since we know that greenhouse gases cause more of the Sun's radiation to be retained by the Earth and its atmosphere, the conclusion that the average temperature of the world will rise as greenhouse gases increase is not just "plausible" but

ighly probable.

Reyond this, there is considerable uncertainty - how much will the temperature rise and how fast, the effects on sea level, the absorptive capacity of the deep ocean, local climate, etc. The models can only be viewed as a tool, not a certain predictor. Policy-makers are thus left to decide what actions (if any) to take

in the face of such uncertainty. Political responses to the threat of global warming have fallen into two broad camps - those who call for more scientific understanding before considering action, and those who call for action on the basis of evidence so far gathered. Both are rational responses. How-ever, one important facet of the greenhouse effect is the considerable delay between cause and

Thus the full effects of doubling carbon dioxide concentrations by the year 2030 would not be felt on sea levels for centuries. Equally, similar delays would be encountered between controls on greenhouse gases and realising any benefits therefrom. Additionally, some changes appear likely to be irreversible — e.g., loss of tropical forests leads to a hotter and drier local climate, making recovery

From the policy-makers' viewpoint, therefore, the risk of waiting five to 15 years for better scient and mambiguous evidence of the scale of global warming is that we

drastic actions to undo the accumulated warming put in the pipeline. Equally, the remaining uncertainties are such as to caution against draconian and costly immediate measures which may prove to be unnecessary. There has thus been widespread support (including by parliamentary select committees) for

measures which are justified in their own right but will also help to curtail global warming (e.g., slowing deforestation and population growth, increasing energy efficiency). The prime minister's advocacy of the latter measures and the establishment of an international

mechanism for additional controls if needed later is thus an entirely rational precautionary response. Your science editor does no service to objective debate by suggesting otherwise. Yours sincerely. IAN LLOYD (Chairman),

Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology, 2 Little Smith Street, SW1. From Professor Emeritus R. P.

Sir, Your science editor criticises the prime minister for accepting the considered view of the majority of atmospheric scientists concerning global warming. His grounds are that, in the first place, observations do not show conclusive evidence for it; and secondly that atmospheric models, the main tools used in climatic prediction, are not fully proven. (Incidentally, Mr Hawkes's statement that they predict a much higher rate of warming than has so far been observed is misleading a more recent model, taken into account by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climatic Change, includes the deep ocean and produces results in close agreement with the observed net warming since the industrial revolution).

What does he suggest the prime minister should have done? Ignore the whole thing until the observational evidence is indisputable on models completely reliable, despite the grave risk that if the IPCC is right by then it would be too late to stave off disasters on a giobai scale? She will undoubtedly have taken note of the uncertainties in the scientific case, highlighted in the panel's report, in coming to her decision, essentially a political one, to take a lead over

In simply stressing the scientific uncertainties, your science editor nowhere faces up to this fun-damental political issue. His article surely cannot therefore be taken seriously as a criticism of the prime minister.

Yours sincerely ROBERT P. PEARCE, 27 Copped Hall Way,

### Bridleway evidence From Mr George Laurence

Sir, Caroline Clayden (October 31) raises the problem of the unfriendly cross-examination. An inquiry is typically held under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 where, following the making by the council of an order modifying the definitive map to show a new footpath, bridleway or byway open to all traffic, the landowner

The council can then, and usually does, use a lawyer at the inquiry to defend the making of the order. That lawyer is able, as is the inspector, to ensure that nervous witnesses giving evidence of 20 (not 25, pace Mrs Clayden) years' use on horseback are not taken unfair advantage of by the objector's counsel.

It is, however, inevitable that a user's evidence will be rigorously tested where, for example, the objecting landowner believes that the nath has rarely been ridden during the requisite period, or at all.

If the result of the cross examination is to confuse the witness, the inspector will have to decide whether that was because the evidence was unreliable in the first place. People wishing to avoid the risk of being crossly cross-examined are of course pe fectly free to submit an affidavit or darement instead

However, it is idle for Mrs Clayden to suggest that their evidence should then carry the same weight. The same considerations apply, of course, to obiectors.

to fix blame on one of the partners

for the breakdown must be ap-

planded. Marriages should not be entered into lightly, not because it

is difficult to achieve a divorce but

because the pain of loveless

marriages can lead to the emo-

tional and moral destruction of

A rabbinic sage once said that where love exists, "a man and his

wife can sleep on the broadside of

a sword; where there is no love,

the world is not large enough for

them". Attempts should be made

to educate individuals in main-

taining the love which motivated

the marriage, but the moral and legal response to the failure of

marriage must not be punishment

but the most painless extrication

from a wretched situation for the

couple and their children.

SIDNEY BRICHTO,

Faithfully yo

Pall Mall, SW1.

Yours truly, GEORGE LAURENCE, 9 Old Square, Lincoln's Inn, WC2 November 6.

human lives.

### Morality of divorce

From Rabbi Dr Sidney Brichto Sir, You are right (leading article, November 2) to support the Law Commission's suggested reforms to the divorce law. Your write that they indicate the rational and realistic direction in which the law should move". I would submit that the proposals are justified on moral and religious grounds as

The breakdown of marriage is tragic not only after separation but within the marital bond. It leads to distruit, frustration and bitterness which spills off in relationships which go beyond kusband and wife. No one suffers more than the children whose future is blighted by the patterns of relationships which have been their model during the formative years of nersonality development.

In this situation any proposals which call for a cooling-off period of one year rather than the attempt. November 2.

### Philip Larkin's will From Mr John Hart Sir, The example of Virgil, cited in

Professor Carrie's letter (November 5) on the right of an author's executors to destroy his early work, is only doubtfully relevant. Augustus, through the medium of patronage, had paid very heavily in advance for the Aeneid, and Virgil had no moral right to will the destruction of the work he had been commissioned to write.

JOHN HART, Thirlstane House, Malvern, Worcestershire. From Dr G. M. Leuty

Sir, Those who want their unpublished work to be destroyed should do it themselves. This might save their executors some anguish, and conserve precious space in your correspondence

Yours prescriptively. 13 Knighton Road, Woodthorpe, Nottingham.

### Cycling in Cambridge

From Councillor R. H. Leggatt Sir, The cycling ban in central Cambridge has been proposed by the Conservative-controlled county council and not, as stated by your correspondent, John Tyson (November 2), by the city council, which is Labour-con-

The city council is firmly opposed to the cycling restrictions. It committed to improved cycle access in the city, and has built up one of the country's most comprehensive cycleway networks over 25 years. We are working with all sections of the local community to defeat the proposed bike ban, and other environmentally damaging Tory plans. such as new roads and car parks in our fine public open spaces. Yours etc.

RICK LEGGATT (Chairman, Environment Committee), Cambridge City Council, 33 City Road, Cambridge. November 2.

### Executive role

From Mrs Patricia Napier Sir, Would the male equivalent of a "Young mother to run a charter airline" (headline, November 8) ever be referred to as "a young father"?

Yours faithfully PATRICIA NAPIER, Baynards Manor, Rudgwick, West Sussex. November &

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# **Finalists** line up



THE FINALISTS for the 1990 UK Technology Press Awards, sponsored by *The Times* and Hewlett-Packard, are

named today.
Nearly 400 entries were received for the ten categories. The winners will be announced at a ceremony at Claridges, London, on December 13. The finalists are: News journalist: Tony Collins, Computer Weekly, Gren Manucl, freelance; Barry Fox,

Festures journalist: Ian Meik-lejohn, freelance; Paul Bray, Which Computer?; Tony Collins, Computer Weekly. Cullen, Personal Computer Magazine, Rick Nye, Connexion, Nick Beard, freelance.

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Paul Freeman, Electronics Today International Press personality of the year: Andrew Gotthard, freelance; John Lettice, Microscope,

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Spotlights put food bugs in the firing line

Researchers are using genes to hunt down listeria and are developing "magic bullets" to identify

the bacteria in infected food, Nina Morgan writes

r Gordon Stewart is shed-ding light on listeria, the bacteria that are found in some foods, and cause infection and sometimes death. With colleagues at Nottingham university's department of applied biochemistry and food science, he is exploring the use of the naturally occurring light-emitting properties, or biolumines-cence, of marine bacteria in assessing methods of kilking listeria.

Bioluminescence is common in the oceans and is responsible for the fluorescence seen as the surf breaks against the shore at night. The biolominescence of maring bacteria originates in a single set of genes known as hux. By using genetic engineering techniques to introduce the lux genes into listeria on a plasmid — a self-replicating piece of the genetic material DNA — Dr Stewart's group hum made these bacteria shine. Expressing the lux genes requires energy. Only healthy listeria, therefore, will shine brightly. Dead ones do

not glow at all. The genetically engineered bioluminescent listeria bacteria are proving to be useful experimental tools in tests to determine the effectiveness of biocides or food-processing techniques aimed at climinating them. The more effective the treatment, the less brightly the bacteria shine.

Bioluminescent listeria is only the

A FORMER electronics en-

gineer wants to dispose of

toxic waste by pumping it into empty North Sea oil wells. He

is negotiating with oil com-

put his plan into action after

Tony Phillips produced his

proposals because he was

unhappy with disposal meth-

ods for the two million tons of

hazardous waste shed an-nually by British industry.

Dumping on land is unsafe, as

the poisons seep into water-

courses or cause a gas build-

up. Burning throws chemicals

into the atmosphere, creates

fall-out and leaves indestruc-

the first well runs dry.

nies and the government to

first step. Dr Stewart hopes to intro-duce the lux genes into a listeria phage, a virus that attacks only listeria bacteria. He aims to use the phage as a "magic bullet" that finds its target and delivers the lux genes to the listeria

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The phage will not glow, although it carries the genes, because it has no intracellular biochemistry of its own, but when it infects live listeria bacteria, it will pass on the genes and cause them to glow. The phage infection could thus provide a quick and easy method to test for the

presence of listeria in food.

Listeria turns up in many foods.

Some soft cheeses from France were affected recently. Other sources are prepared chilled meals and prepared chilled salads, such as coleslaw, in which becteria may grow despite high acidity. If listeria is present on the reactables, the dressing will encourage the bacteria to multiply.

Lysteriolysin, the toxin produced by the listeria bacteria, acts by damaging macrophages, cells in-volved in the immune system. People whose immune systems are weakened are more prone to infection. The most susceptible include old people and expant women, whose babies are at risk from miscarriage or still birth. Rigorous attention to hygiene during food preparation greatly reduces the risk of all types of bacterial

The European Community

metions have also ruled that

dumping industrial waste in

the North Sea, which contaminates and kills marine

life and enters the food chain,

must end in 1992, Mr Phillips says: "Hazard-

ous waste can be fairly in-

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logical to bury waste 200 miles

out at see and five miles deep." He chose spent oil wells because, he says, the



Tracking down listeria: Dr Gordon Stewart at Nottingham university

eration can help to limit outbreaks of bacteria such as salmonella and clostridium botulinum, which causes

Chilling does not help to control listeria because the bacteria still grow at refrigeration temperatures. The sources of listeria infections are often difficult to trace because, unlike salmonella food poisoning, mass outbreaks of listeria poisoning are rare. The only effective weapon against any form of bacterial food poisoning is to

shire, to develop the idea, with

backing from the National

Westminster Bank. The com-

pany has discussed the process

with the environment and

energy departments, the agri-

culture ministry, and oil and

a treatment plant, likely to be

built in northeast England.

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ensure that the poisonous bacteria do not get in the food in the first place. The food industry tests extensively for bacteria, but uses traditional methods. These involve placing samples of foods in dishes containing a nutrient medium and waiting for enough bacteria to grow until the colony is big enough to be seen. The process can take four or more. Dr wart's "magic bullets" research could result in a first detection method. for examining food and avoid future

infamous PCBs that come Waste plan for old oil wells from industrial processes and solutions containing mercury, cadmium, lead, zinc and num. Solids will be Poisons may be buried five miles deep, 200 miles out at sea pulverised into a smooth

The waste will then be shipped to the abandoned wells and pumped in through a metal-lined casing at least 5,000ft long. The filled wells will then be capped with 300ftdeep concrete plugs that meet government safety regula-

The company is now awaiting a licence from the Ministry of Agriculture to start opera-

**BRIAN COLLETT** 

# Tomorrow's workforce will be wiser

P op music and the com-puter industry have one thing in common: both businesses are staffed largely by young people. This may go without saying in music, but it is not entirely expected in

In the case of computing. there are several reasons companies give to explain why they hire people mostly in their early to mid twenties: they have grown up alongside the industry, tend to be ex-tremely enthusiastic about it, mjoy their work and are ng to spend long hours

carrying it out.

Although the information technology departments of many large companies have, for the past ten years, had a policy of recruiting high-flying graduates, there are signs that this policy is changing.
"The feeling is coming

through very strongly that the demographic downturn is getting to a stage where they are not going to get the young male gradu-ates," Rick Firth, the director of training for the National says. Although recruiting graduates can offer: has its advantages— their industry and enthusiasm being

the most important carries penalties. Taking on high-flyers means that they are all striving to get to the top, but only a few will ever do so. Staff turnover can, therefore, be high. Up to half of such recruits leave within the first

two years.

According to Mr Firth, companies have found that by extending their catchment area for recruits, staff turnover is reduced, with no discernible loss in productivity.

The company that most personifies the youth culture of the computer industry, and is one of its most charismatic, is Apple Computer UK. Apple, founded by two young men, Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak in the United States, has made a virtue of harness ng the enthusiasm of youth. Mike Newton, the managing director in Britain is, at 41, one of the older members of

staff. "We have very few

senior citizens," says Frank

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O'Mahoney, an Apple spokes. man. He concedes that this may be a disadvantage, but argues that the company gained its maturity by working closely with outside consul-

consultants help as with is providing a sense of manuity. around for ever and, someone claims to have something for the first time, they can often point out that it is probably the second or even the third time," Mr O'Ma-

honey says.

The information technology press is becoming increasingly full of letters from disgruntled people, who are older than 40, complaining that their skills are not being taken up because of their age

'Graduates ment argues that the problem is not con-fined to the informalack the one thing tion technology sector, but certainly, bethat older cause of the indusgenerations try's youthful image age of 30 is considexperience' ered as being out of touch with current

developments. The computer industry, like the rest of the economy, is fast-moving into recession. The biggest software and systems; houses have laid off about; 1,000 staff in the past three mooths and hardware manyfacturers have been outtingback on employees. Inevitably, there has been a freeze on hiring in many

The National Economic Development Council. estimates that the demand for experienced information technology staff will: grow by about 10 per cent a year while the number of young people leaving univer-sities is failing.

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LOST LINER NEW YORK, Nov. 14: The first survivors of the wreck of the liner Vestris were landed in New York this morning by the steamships American Shipper and Berlin. There were 148 on the two chira. With eight still at on the two ships. With eight still at sea in the battleship Wyoming and 54 in the Myriam, they are all that are left alive of the 129 passengers and the crew of 199 who set forth from here: here in the Vestris last Saturday. Hardly one chance in a hundred remains that any others have been

rescued Among those who have almost certainly perished are the captain of the ill-fated ship, Mr. William J. Carey, yesterday falsely reported rescued, and her chief wireless operator, Mr. Michael O'Loughlin. Captain Carry lesped into the sea as the ship went down and was not seen again. He wore no life preserver. The last heard of Mr O'Loughlin was his wireless message of farewell to a land station an bour before the sinking

occurred. One of the most vivid stories of the tragedy was told by Mr. T. E. Mack, an electrical engineer at Tecla. an electrical engineer at Tecla, Wyoming, who was rescued by the Berlin. "At 4 o'clock on Sunday morning." he said, "a hurricane started to blow up. It blew all day Sunday. On Sunday night a bulkhead broke and the boiler room was flooded. Early next morning the Vestria developed a strong list to starthourth. Most of the passengers sturboard. Most of the pessengers were awake all night Sunday because realised something serious was wrong early Monday morning when the ship heeled over and furniture began to

sank.
"I was about 50 ft. away when the Vestris disappeared, bow first, with a twisting motion to starboard. There were about 80 people in the water now, between those who had delib-

"I started swimming towards a lifeboat. When I came close I saw that it was loaded to the limit. I swam away without even asking them to take me on board. Then I remembered that my travelling companion,

rew."

The boat leaked and they had to hale constantly. At 9 o'clock a sleet storm set in, with a heavy squall adding to their misery. They peased three other lifeboats, two of them equipped with sails.

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erately jumped and others who had spilled out of the lifeboats.

Maxey, was around somewhere. I located him, and together we started out to find another lifeboat. We found one manned by a coloured

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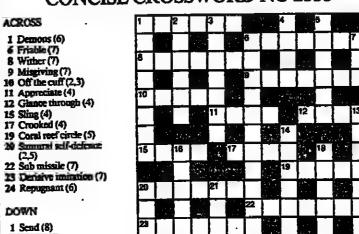
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Fifty years before Desmond Morris popularised man-watching the study of people's mannerisms and behaviour as a means of determining their character and motivation the physician Sir William Osler decreed that the doctor who was unable to sum up a patient between the consulting room door and the inquisitional chair by his desk would be more likely to end in Carey Street than Harley Street.

Television has increased the scope of spot diagnosis. Doctors practised in this art are no longer restricted to their own patients, for now the famous are paraded daily for examination on the small screen in their own homes. The study of Saddam Hussein's changing demeanour has been especially rewarding. One wellknown London physician says: "Saddam Hussein initially looked like a between-the-wars infantry company commander, only competent and assured because he had a comparatively limited sphere of command. But now he looks like a field officer who has been untimely promoted to command an army. He seems harried and out of his intellectual

The physician adds that he

whose lack of self-assurance causes him to become increasingly dependent on top-level advisers. Like many doctors, this physician has noticed that Saddam's blink-rate has quickened, that his previously steady gaze and bland smile have been replaced by fidgeting, darting looks and a strained expression We do not need a doctor to point out that Saddam's shirts no longer fit (a rough guide is that if a finger can be placed between the shirt collar and the neck of a patient, the patient has lost about

a stone), and that his face, once smooth, is now creased and baggy, presumably from dis-turbed sleep and loss of appetite. Dr Hugh L'Etang, author of The Pathology of Leadership and Fit to Lead, who is acknowledged as Britain's leading expert on the influence of statesmen's health on history, has studied from afar Saddam's avowed antagonist, our own prime minister. In his opinion, Mrs Thatcher has suffered from being trained in a pure rather than a biological science, Her lack of understanding of people is, in his view, the result of being taught to think in terms of scientific certainty represented by chemical symbols, equations and the Lords once she retires."



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reactions, rather than the study of the infinitely variable reaction of

people to events.

Dr L'Etang worries about the prime minister's retirement, "World leaders have tremendous fun, and are usually stimulated by their life. Its strains have been grossly exaggerated, for they are spared the daily round of trivial tasks and worries. Sir Winston Churchill suffered severe depression once he lost the stimulation of the red boxes; Mrs Thatcher will probably behave in a similar way. For her to be pensioned off to Dulwich would be a dreadful fate. She needs a gradual transition to private life; I would

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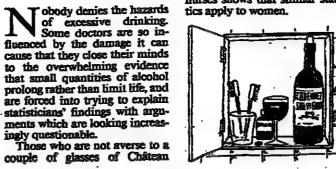
aged between 40 and 59. The nsible, moderate drinkers had a 30 per cent reduction in deaths from coronaries and thrombosis. Even more remarkably, the light drinkers, taking one or two drinks a day, were also less likely to die from strokes or cancer, the other great killers in this age group.

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know that the emmently rep-utable American journal, Epidemiology, reports on a huge survey which convincingly dem-

onstrates the advantages of a small to moderate intake of

Dr Curtis Ellison, of the Boston University School of Medicine, sums up these findings. "Based on current knowledge, the American male who does not have a bleeding tendency and is not at increased risk of alcohol abuse, who wants to reduce the risk of heart disease, might well consider the advantages of washing down his daily aspirin with a glass of cabernet." Earlier research involving some 80,000 American nurses shows that similar statistics apply to women.

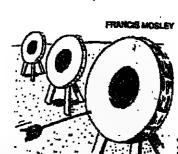


# Trendy Shula

t must be pure coincidence that Shula of The Archers a condition in which the baby is implanted, and starts to grow, in the confined surroundings of the fallopian tube, rather than in the expandable womb, in the same week that the British Medical Journal's first leading article was

on tubal pregnancies. The causes of ectopic pregnancy, which is becoming much more common, are legion, and include pelvic surgery, such as that for appendicitis, and the use of intrauterine contraceptive devices. The most important cause is inadequately treated sexually transmitted infection. Nearly 80 per cent of women who suffer an ectopic pregnancy have antibodies to clamydia, the organism which causes nonspecific ure-thritis (NSU), and 32 per cent show immunological evidence of past gonorrhoea. Shula's admirers should not forget that when she spurned Mark he went to the Far East, an area not famed for its continence, while she herself had

a few unwise dalliances. The standard and safe treatment for an ectopic pregnancy is excision of the tube together with its contained pregnancy, but now that ultrasound (including vag-inal ultrasound) and sensitive blood testing for pregnancy are



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making early diagnosis easier, it is sometimes possible to use conservative surgery. One: rerecorded at the Lister hospital in London. A young patient who had given birth to twins 11 months previously consulted Mr John Scarr, a general surron, when she developed severe ab-dominal pain. An ultrasound showed pregnancy successfully developing in the uterus, but Mr Scurr thought that one of the tubes looked suspicious and sought the opinion of Me Sam Abdalla, a gynaecologist. The surgeons performed a laparoscopic examination, and found that the patient had another twin pregnancy, with one baby in the womb, one in a tube; using the laparoscope they removed the affected tube through a keybole incision, leaving the baby in the womb undisturbed and one tube intact, enabling her to try, should she wish it, for another baby. Shula can take heart. About 50 per cent of women who have an ectopic pregnancy will have a normal one later, but the sooner she tries the better, because most women who later conceive do.so in the first year after surgery.

# Can common sense rule the microwaves?

iand own one and determined not to. Today a select committee on agriculture will consider the safety of the device in question: the microwave oven.

The committee will be concerned with the ability of the ovens to heat food to the temperatures required to kill off food poisoning bacteria. Its investigation follows government-sponsored research published last December which showed that 30 per cent of microwave ovens failed this test. However, market research reveals that the decision to own or not to own a microwave is made for reasons which have little to do with food poisoning.

out by a market research company, Strategic Research Group (SRG), reveal that to kick electrons culinary pride (or snobbery) out of their orbits whether the gadget is featured in the kitchen. Non-owners believe that there is no emotional satisfaction to be gained from this kind of cooking, and that microwaved foods do not look as appetising as those which are removed from a conventional oven. Some express scorn for those who seem dependent on their microwave, while others express worries about safety.

While microwave users believe their ovens are safe, many non-users fear that dangerous forms of radiation are emitted. Some feel it is unsafe even to look through the oven door while it is in use, or to open the oven to stir the food. Such fears sound all too familiar to Malcolm Shaw, the deputy director general of the Association of Manufacturers of Domestic Electrical Appliances (AMDEA). "There are people out there who won't have a microwave no matter what you tell them. It was the same with television in the Fifties. Some people thought that if you sat in front of the screen your skin would go green and fall off. As soon as you mention radiation, peo-According to Philip ChadAs MPs study the safety of microwave

allay fears. Ann Kent reports on resistance in Britain to the gadget

wick, the higher scientific the early Sixties, doubts about officer with the National their heating properties have Radiological Protection Board, microwaves do not normally present a radiation hazard. In addition to their use in cooking, they are used medically to heat muscle tissue, easing the pain of sports injuries, and are produced in industry to cure wood and

leather products. that while high temperatures
Mr Chadwick explains that
were recorded in some parts of Detailed interviews carried at one end of the electro-

> damage human ceils; and nonionising radiation, which simply agitates molecules without changing the nature of the atom. Microwaves belong in the second group, "creattheir heating effect by agitating

ecules in food", he

duced by a magnetron inside the oven, are bounced off the metal walls of the appliance. The waves are unable to penetrate through the metal, and safety back-up devices ensure that the oven cuts out if the door is opened. However, Mr Chadwick says if the door or its seals are bent or damaged, "there is a risk of burning if you were very close to the oven, or actually touch-

ing the door". non-users may be better justified: the fear that the technology is too recent for the full effects of usage to be known and researched. In fact, al-

ovens and manufacturers act to

emerged only recently. The rumble of concern began in January last year, when a letter in The Lancet from the Institute of Food Research in Norwich revealed the findings of its own microwave cooking experiments with chickens. This showed

there are two main forms of the birds' bodies, there were radiation: ionising radiation, cool spots elsewhere. Food poisoning bacteria such as magnetic spectrum, which is salmonella, which is compowerful enough

'It was the same with television in the Fifties. As soon as you mention radiation, people's minds shut down'

Summêr Microwaves, which are pro- London Food Commission (now renamed the Food Commission) announced that microwaves were less efficient than conventional ovens in destroying the micro-organ-isms which cause food poisoning. It also cited another difficulty, which still persists. The wattage on domestic microwaves varies between 500 and 750, but manufacturers' instructions on precooked and frozen foods are merally written only for machines powered by about 600 watts. This mean that

Another fear expressed by though microwave ovens have

safe (which would rule out poultry), and that the ovens should be kept scrupulously clean to avoid contamination. In August 1989 the govern-

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The letter stressed

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ment ordered an urgent study of the performance of microwave ovens after a pilot project found that one in five of those tested failed to heat food through adequately. The Consumers' Association reacted by suggesting the public should not use microwaves to reheat cooked foods. In December the results of a

second study into the efficiency of microwaves was published, with even more dismaying results. Tests on 102 microwave ovens from 24 manufacturers, revealed that 30 per cent left "cold spots" where the safe temperature of 70C was not achieved. The monly found in poultry, and lis-Ministry of Agriculture, Fishteria, which is a cries and Food, which had problem in cook/ commissioned the manual chill foods, can be refused to name the substandard ovens. However, a number of microwave manufacturers voluntarily withdrew or modified their ovens.

known to be bacteriologically

Today representatives of the microwave manufacturers will tell the select committee that they have established a standardised testing procedure, so that one manufacturer's 650 watt oven is uaranteed to be just the same, terms of power, as another's. This was not the case before. The food manufacturers are working on improving instructions so that people with ovens of lower or higher power than the average of 600-650 watts will know how long they need to cook their food.

The final step will be for new domestic microwave ovens to be given a power rating between one and five, which will allow food manufacturers to simplify the instructions on packaging.

SRG says microwave users who seem a lot happier than the government with their ovens, fall into three groups. even when the ovens are working efficiently, the public The first are single people who might not be heating foods regard cooking as a chore to be spensed with as quickly as long enough to render them possible. They claim to be safe. The commission recombeen available in Britain since mended that microwaves entirely dependent on micro-



Anyone for a burger? Food minister John Gummer and his wife, Penny, happy at home with their microwave

(acetyl tributyl citrate), orig-inally designed for use in

microwave ovens and which

has increasingly been used as a

substitute for DEHA, the plas-

ticiser which was the subject of a 1987 health scare.

A year ago the United States

Center for Science in the

Public Interest (CSPI) was

warning Americans that "the

containers and packages we

use in microwave cooking

could be releasing potentially

harmful substances into our food". Most dangerous, the

US Food and Drug Admin-

istration found, were the new

"heat susceptors" which con-

centrate heat to brown certain

microwavable foods such as

pizzas and chips. When the

FDA heated oil in susceptor

packages, according to its newsletter, "every package

tested released synthetic

Food Commission's Food

Magazine, which brought the

packaging question to the

in July, says her researchers

were also worried by the foods

they found being microwaved in polystyrene - "of which

there is some evidence of

carcinogenicity", she claims.

This is an assertion a spokesman for the British

Plastics Federation hotly dis

putes. David Cadogan of ICL

"the majority of the toxi-cological work has been spon-

Dr Ann Smith of Maff says that the American research

cannot be taken as gospel

The composition of our

packaging is not necessarily

the same, and while we are

sored by the industry".

spokesman for the British Plasnes Federation, says that for the moment in Britain,

chemicals into the oil". Sue Dibb, the editor of the

DEBATE ON PACKAGING HEATS UP

drinks, bake potatoes and rience meals. Many people in this group are OVER the past decade coning themselves at risk of sumers have become accustomed to taking plastic boxes covered with thin film straight food poisoning, because they do not follow the instruction to allow the food to stand for a from freezer to microwave, to while after it is removed from the oven, an essential process to allow microwaves to penetrate right to the centre of the food.

The second group are more likely to follow manufacturers' recommendations as they are still at the experimental stage, keenly consulting the recipe books and trying

The third group, described as core users, tend to be confident female cooks who know their microwaves in the same way as they know their ordinary ovens, and feel sure they would notice cold spots in their food.

The SRG researchers con-clude: "All owners that we spoke to were very satisfied with their microwaves and not unduly worried about the scares ... Nevertheless there was some evidence to suggest they were using it differently and with more care ... The majority feeling seemed to be that one had to take care with food preparation and obey the rules, and then there was

little cause for concern." However, while half the nation is convinced of the value of the microwave, the other half is proving slow to convert. The percentage of homeholds with microwaves increased from 30 per cent in 1987 to 47 per cent in 1989. But in 1990 the estimate was roughly 50 per cent, an ob-

AMDEA's Mr Shaw says there has not been a single proven case where food poisoning could be traced to the domestic microwave Our position is that provided people use the common sense they are born with and follow normal kitchen hygiene practices, the ovens are safe.'

The select committee will now have to decide if the changes proposed by microwave and food manufacturers - and the public's common sense - are enough to avoid the risks of food poisoning.

aware of the American research it is not always applicable to the UK.

re-heating leftover foods waves on food packaging for a through cling-film wrappings. future issue, and the Food and to eating burgers or bacon Magazine has expressed conrolls which have been microcern over whether "proposed waved inside polystyrene EC limits are tight enough to provide sufficient consumer This week the food surveilprotection" when the new lance group of the Ministry of stics directive becomes EC Agriculture, Fisheries and law in January 1993. Food called for more research into the plasticiser ATBC

The increased use of ATBC has prompted Maff to ask for better labelling on it, offering consumer advice on how to use the previously-labelled "microwave-safe". films

which, it suggests, are safe for "covering containers or reheating meals on plates", but not "for lining dishes or Ms Dibb is planning further wrapping food whilst cooking studies of the effects of microin a microwave oven".

Dr Melanie Miller, a food specialist with the Consumers' Association, while warning people not to worry unduly and "to follow the ministry" advice not to wrap fatty foods in cling film, or to cook in direct contact with the film? disparages the guines-pig theory that says we should all use these things until they are, proved unsafe, rather than the

ther way around". VICTORIA MCKEE

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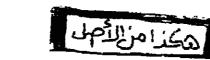
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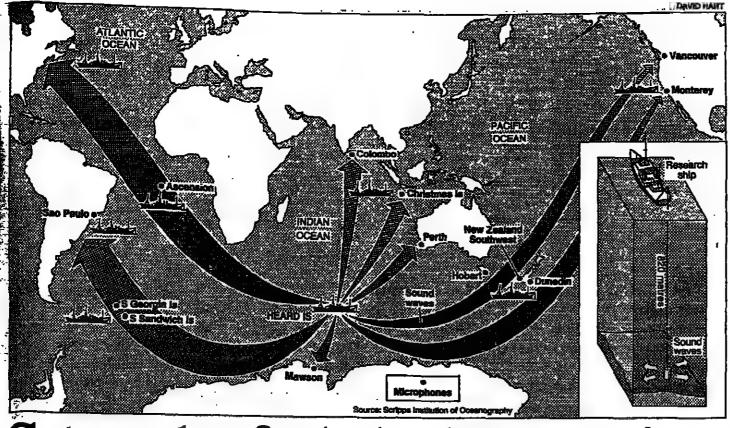
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# Sound of global warming

planning to measure whether the Earth is whether the Earn warming by making a ludian Ocean, noise deep in the Indian Ocean and timing how long the sound takes to travel around the world.

The higher the ocean temperature, the faster the sound will reach detectors thousands of miles away. A rise of even a fraction of a degree should be detectable and, within ten years, if the experiment works, unequivocal evidence should be available of any warrning or cooling trend in the oceans. Since ocean and atmosphere are closely linked, that would be proof of global warming, or cooling. The sounds, almost as loud as a

jet taking off, will be made by loudspeakers lowered from a United States navy ship, Corey Chouest, moored off Heard Island, a volcanic island, covered in ice, between Australia and Autarctica. This inhospitable spot was chosen because there are direct "paths" from it for the sound to travel each one of the world's five

Microphones in the sea off Bermuda, San Francisco, Colombo, South Georgia, Hobert and Perth and at Mawson, the Australian base in Antarctica, will listen for the sound, which will take several hours to reach the most distant points. The occanographers behind the experiment are sure it will be audible. Twenty years ago, a sound made in the ocean off Western Australia was

Scientists and ships from 12 countries are to unite in a £2 million project to blast a sound,

almost as loud as a jet taking off, through

heating up. Nigel Hawkes tests the water

then emit pulses of sound.

The frequency of the sounds

will be 60 cycles a second, which

to the human car would be andible

as low booms, and its loudness, at

209 decibels, will be just less than

the effect of standing next to a jet airliner taking off. Three-and-a-haif hours later, if all goes well, the sounds will be heard by hydro-phones off Bermuda and San

The time they take to get there

will be influenced by ocean cur-

rents and by salinity as well as water temperature. Dr Munk

believes these other factors will

cancel each other out over long distances. If predictions of global

warming are true, he expects the

time taken for sound to travel

from Heard Island to San Fran-

cisco will increase by as much as a quarter of a second a year. Since

the sounds will also be detected by

other hydrophones located in all

the world's oceans, it should be

possible to detect regional vari-

The first experiments are in-

tended simply to prove that the

ations in warming as well.

picked up without difficulty in Bermuda, half way around the

Sound waves are trapped in a layer of ocean water about a kilometre below the surface and this acts as a wave guide. Sounds cannot dissipate upwards because of a boundary between warm water at the surface and colder water beneath. Sounds do not travel downwards because of the increasing pressure at greater depths. As a result, Dr Walter Munk, the experiment's origi-nator, of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in La Jolla, California, says the sound has no choice but to travel horizontally along this wave guide, rather like the sound in a doctor's stethoscope.

Some naturalists believe that whales use the wave guide as a way of sending messages to one another. If so, they are likely to get a few crossed lines when the Corey Chonest starts operations at the end of January next year. The ship will lower an electrically powered acoustic source, originally designed for the US navy,

co-operation with 12 countries, which are putting ships to sea to listen for the sounds. Dr Munk and colleagues at Scripps hope to the oceans to discover whether the Earth is repeat the experiment annually until the global warming concept is proved or abandoned. wave guide region. The source will

Some oceanographers doubt whether the experiments will prove anything worthwhile, betroduced by currents and eddies Marine biologists are worried about the effects of the noises on whales, but Dr Munk thinks their fears are exaggerated.

concept works, and are expected to take ten days. They will cost about \$2 million and will involve

e believes that the scheme could committute to the development of a new science of ocean tomography, in which sound signals would be used to analyse the ocean in the same way as x-rays are used in whole-body scanning. This also helps to explain the interest of the US navy, which has contributed part of the cost of the experiment and provided the sound sources.

Dr Munk believes it would take 100 years to prove the reality of global warming by measurements of the air. Accurate air temperatures exist for the past century, but they have not climinated arguments. If the ocean sound experiment can provide clear evidence in less than a decade, it will

# If rhino horn does not work, try the love drug

Chemists are working on a pill to combat marriage breakdowns

sexual desire could be available in a few years, researchers believe. Over the centuries, many supposed remedies, including powdered rhinoceros horn, ginseng, Spanish fly and strychnine have had their day. Most "aphrodisiacs" can be dismissed as quackery, but the

conditions they are meant to treat are being seen with increasing frequency by specialists. Relate, the marriage guidance charity, says dwindling interest in sex is emerging as a leading cause of marital breakdown, especially among over-formes. The reasons may be psychological or physical, or both, but in a growing number of cases, drug treatment is offered when other therapies fail. Experts dispute the value

of existing drugs but

agree on the need for new and better versions. The

trend now is towards products that influence the brain rather than the body. Dr Alan Riley, a sex therapist and editor of the British Journal of Sexual Medicine, says: "We should have available in about six years drugs to stimulate brain chemicals that affect sexual desire. These should not be seen simply as aphrodisiacs, but as a clinical answer to serious and distressing

Researchers are examining dopamine, a brain chemical that

A SMALL Cornish company is claiming a world first with a stereo sound system that uses optical fibres to replace traditional copper loudsneaker cables. Much of the noise that mars the sound from hi-fi equipment

comes from the simplest parts of the system, the wires that connect the amplifiers to the loudspeakers. True audio buffs will spend up to £50 for a metre of special hi-fi speaker wire that only partly solves the problem. Audio designers regard the use of optical fibres, which are immune from

electrical interference, as the next

Laser light carries a signal along an optical fibre, and therefore cannot be interfered with by stray electrical fields from nearby power cables, a vacuum cleaner or television set. The wires can also be slimmer than the heavily shielded electrical cables used in top-quality hi-fi systems.

The new system consists of a

Tew drugs to treat loss of blocks the secretion of the hormone prolactin. Abnormally high blood levels of prolactin are linked with male impotence, menstrual

disorders and infertility in both sexes. Dopamine deficiency causes Parkinson's disease. Dopamine-based drugs to treat Parkinsonism have shown an unexpected ability to increase virility in animals and improve libido in

some patients. "We believe dopa-OYSTERS

mine can treat loss of sexual appetite," says Dr John Bancroft. clinical consultant at the Medical Research Council's reproductive

biology unit in Edinburgh.

Professor Merton Sandler, of the Royal Postgraduate Medical School at Hammersmith Hospital, west London, says: "Almost all existing drug treatments for sexual difficulties are unsatisfactory. We do need progress in this field and there are some tantalising pros-

pects, including dopamine." Present treatments centre on the use of hormones to overcome flagging drive. Many women have found that oestrogen replacement therapy, prescribed to relieve menopausal symptoms and protect against osteoporosis, the brittle bone disorder, also rekindles their sexuality. A similar approach for men, using the sex hormone

testosterone, is advocated by some specialists on the basis that untural testosterone levels decline in middleaged men, causing sexual

apathy, if not impotence. Dr Riley told a Relate conference last week that testosterone treatment had been successful in both men and women. Other specialists point out potential hazards. Professor Sandler, a chemical pathologist, says: "We know testosterone can cause asserssion, and may increase sexual drive without improving performance.

I think it is dangerous." Dr Riley,

however, believes a new generation of drugs will take over. Compounds that influence the

parts of the brain that affect sexual drive may be the answer." he says. They will have to be strictly controlled. They will not be a panacea for sexual difficulties, many of which are better treated by counselling or psychotherapy, but they will come."

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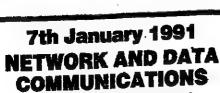
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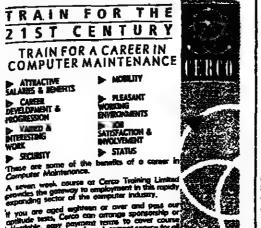
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# More than a stage coach

head boy at Bolton School who spent his spare time playing Shakespeare rather than rugby; a founder member of the collective Actors' Company who finally succumbed to the Royal Shakespeare Company because "I was fed up with playing the small parts"; and a committed campaigner for gay rights. But the McKellen pendulum

took a firm swing towards the Establishment last month when, after weeks of rumours, he was finally announced as the second Cameron Mackintosh Visiting Professor of Contemporary The-atre at St Catherine's College, Oxford, the successor to Stephen Sondheim. The irony is not lost on him. "It amuses me rather than anything that this gay man, who beems to irritate the Establishment no end because he goes on marches and makes speeches and has campaigned against VAT on theatre tickets and is constantly challenging the government to have a proper attitude towards the arts, should suddenly be called Professor McKellen.

But then, as professorships go, this one is highly unconventional, and McKellen is perfectly cast in the part. The £1.7 million donation for the Chair was provided by Cameron Mackintosh, producer of such West End successes as Miss Saigon and Les Misèrables, with two stipulations: that it should teach live, contemporary theatre ("I wasn't interested in endowing Euripides," Mackintosh says) and that its holder should be a working theatrical practitioner. McKellen was approached on behalf of Oxford University by Mackintosh, by David Aukin,

Chair on the understanding that his full-time work as actor and associate director at the National Theatre would continue throughout his professorial tenure.
"I said to them that if I'd been

on their committee, I think I might have approached me as well. They knew I had interests beyond just getting up and acting and I suppose the fact that I'd been to university (he was a Cambridge contemporary of Derek Jacobi and Trevor Nunn) meant that I'd understand the world I'd be entering." His comparative youthfulness (at 51) and his energetic political campaigning make him a credible undergraduate icon; sterner donnish elements will be placated by his unquestionable standing as a classical actor. "Just as the typical National Theatre programme will quote the views of academics, those same academics will refer to live productions. My career has entirely followed that tradition, a mixture of body and mind. Whether any of that fits me to set up a teaching course remains Assessments of Stephen Sond-

heim's period of professorship vary. For Mackintosh, it was "hugely successful". But students, it seems, were unimpressed. "I didn't think the meetings I went to were very good," Jemma Heath, the university student drama officer says. "They were packed out with friends of the speakers with only about ten students there. The idea was good, but it should have been less intimidating. It could be viewed as a great con, a nice piece of publicity for whoever takes it on. Students didn't get a



McKellen: "I'm not going into Oxford to teach people how to become successful actors."

Nor did they into Sondheim's surprising result that this Oxford professor taught no present members of Oxford University. "Ste-phen and I listened to a huge number of tapes," Mackintosh insists, "and the stuff from students was crap. They were amateurs, and you can't teach amateurs to become professionals. You either have the talent or not. It's nothing to do with teaching."

Mercifully, McKellen has a more indulgent attitude to amateurs. "I think I'll have a much wider scope than Sondheim. I want to talk about theatre on which everyone will have a view, as audience as much as practitioners. I'm not going into Oxford to teach a lot of people how to become successful actors."

Details are not yet finalised, but he intends to give an inaugural lecture in January, and to organise a series of open seminars as well as specialist classes in four-hour performance in the title role of Richard III. But is even this acting, directing and technical production.

"It seemed to me that the invitation was: Would you like to come and live in Oxford for a year and be a part of Oxford? Well, I can't do that because I've got another job. But I can try and be there a lot, and see undergraduates acting, and talk to people any time of the day or night."

He has a history of taking on extra burdens at the last minute the London benefit performances of Acting Shakespeare, his oneman compendium of the Bard's greatest hits, were arranged after an exhausting American tour in

order to salvage the foundering London Lighthouse Aids hospice. His stamina was clear from our interview, which he gave un-complainingly at 12.30am after a

worksholic biting off more than he "You'll just have to trust my optimism that it's going to be OK. If at the end of the year people are dissatisfied, then maybe the policy of asking someone who is in the thick of working in the theatre world should be changed. I'll initiate conversations, throw out my own experience and have people challenge and discuss it. That's the way in which I hope to

RICHARD LLOYD PARRY

# World at their feet

ional Thearre opened at the Deutsches Schauspielhaus in Hamburg - at the start of the European leg of its world tour of King Lear and Richard III - the company had an opportunity to witness the brutal candour of German theatre audiences. They went to the opening night of Pirandello's Henry IV, directed by the Argentinian Augusto Fernandes, which was greeted with loud booing and catralls. As Fer-nandes appeared on stage and drew forth a vehement roar of disapproval, lan McKellen leaned across to Brian Cox and whis-pered, "No individual curtainalls tomorrow, I think".

McKellen, who is the producer of both plays as well as playing the title role in Richard III and Kent in King Lear, need not have worried. When Cox took a bow after four hours on stage as Lear the following evening, it was to wildly enthusiastic, lengthy ap-plause. Deborah Warner's stark, lucid production, played on an almost bare stage, was universally and unequivocally praised by the critics too; the local Hamburger Abendblatt described it as "the theatrical experience of a lifetime". No praise was too high for the actors: the critic from Die Welt reported that he enjoyed "listening for four hours to the music of Flizabethan English, so beautifully

Besides Cox's extraordinarily energetic Lear, first seen clattering down the middle of the stage in a wheelchair wearing a party hat and blowing a whistle, David Bradley's music-hall Fool and Susan Engel's Goneril came in for particularly wide praise. There was some disagreement, however, about the model for Engel's characterisation. Die Welt sugsested that Goneril was based on Mrs Thatcher, while the Abendblatt curiously described it as "an imposing mixture of Laurence Olivier and Greta Garbo"... McKellen's Richard is an

tator the world has known. On the face of it, Richard Eyre's production is set in an England of the 1930s in which Mosley rises to power, but Eyre himself sees Richard III as an archetypal tyrant; he draws heavily on his observations of repression in Romania. The German critics accepted the parallels with their own relatively recent history and appeared to appreciate Eyre's interpretation.

Once again, the actors received lavish praise. The mass-circula tion Bild said McKellen's performance set a standard for Germany as well as Britain. Indeed, Bild felt that the German theatre had much to learn from the visit of the National Theatre. Here, the paper said, was an example of a poorly funded theatre in which the acting came "from the stomach", full of passion and theatricality and in which the spoken word took precedence over elaborate su Bild also took a swipe at Micha Bogdanov, the artistic director of the Deutsches Schauspielhaus. Given that Bogdanov came from this parsimonious English theatri-cal tradition, Bild felt that there was no excuse for him overspend-ing on his £9 million budget for the theare.

After Hamburg, the National Theatre went to Milan, beginning the next stage of a tour that will take the company all over western Europe and as far afield as Cairo and Bucharest, and lasting well

into next year. Touring is exhausting for actors and before King Lear opened in Hamburg, Cox said that he was so tired of making sacrifices for the theatre that he was considering giving up the stage. However, as he accepted the thunderous applause at the Deutsches Schauspicihaus later that evening he looked as if he might be persuaded to stay a while longer.

**DENIS STAUNTON** 

# Japan pays credit to the Welsh

nese hit: the Weish National Opera production of Faistaff

Mel Cooper reports on Tokyo's reaction to the latest British cultural import

Apping its contribution to Japan's UK90 festival, the Tokyo Bunkamura (celebrating its first anniversary as a cultural centre) presented Welsh National Opera in its 2,150-seat Orchard Hall. Last Thursday, Tokyo saw the first of three performances of Strauss's Salome in the much-debated André Engel production; WNO also gave three performances of Faistaff in the now-famous Peter Stein staging: a production of Verdi's final comic masterpiece that has justifiably become something of a company calling card. It was certainly an suspicious time for the Welsh to visit Tokyo, with the world's cameras focussed on the imperial coronation, and a host of visiting dignituries (including the Prince and Princess of Wales) in the city.

Audience reaction suggests the Japanese appreciated Salome, especially the gripping portrayal of the lust-crazed child-princess by Catherine Malfitano in her longdelayed WNO debut (Equity prevented her from being WNO's Gilda in 1976). They seemed also to fall in love with Falstaff. In the

Verdi everything worked superbly - the ensemble and stage movement were smooth; the theatrical illusion of an entire community in spontaneous action was convincing, and the musical performance (directed by Richard Armstrong) was at the highest level in the final scene, when the chorus came into its own. At the end of Falstaff's first night, the audience was, for Japan, especially demonstrative: a further confirmation of the value of these East-West exchanges and of Japan's continuing, and seemingly insatiable, appetite for Western classical music. That value can be measured

financially. It is costing the Tokyo Bunkamura 600 million yen (approximately £2.4 million) to receive these six performances. To put that figure in perspective, consider that it is equivalent to six months' worth of Arts Council grant to WNO. Tokyo is a hardnosed financial centre: what does the city hope to gain from this conspicuous cultural expenditure? Not profits, certainly. The hall, completely filled, would generate only £800,000 from box-office

indeed, the question can be widened: why have the Japanese built this mini-Lincoln Center

dominant Alice was gutsy, poised and vocally gleaming; Wendy Vercoe was an energetic Meg, Cynthia Buchan was an earthy, barnonal Mistress Quickly. The women, as always in this production, nearly stole the show; but Barry Morra's moving Ford (the jealousy aria was unforgettably strong) and Peter Branden's angry Dr Caius mustered most attention. Paul Clarke was a manly Fenton, while Donald Maxwell simply became Falstaff, providing the focus vocally and dramatically at the centre of the production.

ssessed in terms of mass produced, elegant, durable and affordable furniture, the achievement of Michael Thonet and his sons during the 19th and 20th centuries may hardly be exaggerated. Yet the very ubiquity of the most popular curvilinear bentwood chairs many still in continuous production after 150 years — contributes to their near invisibility, and the bafflingly low profile of arguably the most important and influential furniture manufacturer of all

That this overdue exhibition should be mounted in the Design Museum is fitting, for Thonet's chairs (to which the exhibition is almost exclusively devoted) may clearly be seen in the cool, white space as the utter exemplification of the purist's dictum that function should dictate form. The sinuous and sometimes volupmous curves of wood and tabular metal simply surround the sitter's space — each chair managing to be the more elaborate curicues on the rocking chairs manage to appear elegant and even re-strained, their sheer prettiness belying the truth that they are integral to the structure and

stability of the total design. Michael Thonet was a German cabinet-maker who, in 1841 at the age of 45, took out several patents to protect his innovative work. At this stage, the process took the form of bending stacks of laminated veneers by boiling them in glue, but by the following year Thonet was established in Austria. There he obtained from the emperor the patent for a new and revolutionary process: "to bend even the most brittle type of wood

splayed legs strike one affest. "Chair 14" is surrounded by far less famous delights. A beautifully curved tub chair of 1904 by Otto Wagner, its back perforated by perfectly graduated circles, pro-vides a startling contrast to a bright red three-legged armchair made just one year later. A compact rocker of 1890 (see photograph, above) has all the chubby strength of a Josef Hoffman design, and is well set off by the most elegant piece in the

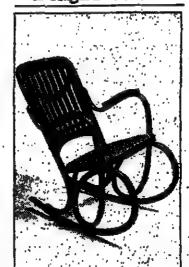
exhibition - a wonderfully slen-

# Pure in function and form

Joseph Connolly

assesses the latest exhibition of Thonet furniture at the

Design Museum



der music chair of 1888, its ebony finish and gold filleting strongly

recalling Hepplewhite.

The exhibition also shows a

technique at the Bauhaus in 1925, was the first to sell designs to Thonet, and was soon followed by Mies van der Robe (whose amply curved metal dining chairs owed much to the early wooden rockers) and Le Corbusier, who mixed his own rubular metal chairs with 75year-old bentwood designs in all his interiors. Most of the famous chairs are here, including two versions of Breuer's "Cesca", this steel and whicker chair being the most successful (and the most plagiarised) of the 20th century. For the 1989 Milan Furniture Pair, the Thonet Company commissioned eight one-off chair de-

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signs from contemporary designers; these, alas, are also on view. Among the more ludicrous is a chair shaped like an outsized rocking deak-blotter with a lacrosse net as a backress, an awful post-Memphis sort of armchair with legs inspired by those of Mrs Thatcher (we are told), and a quartet of aluminium chair frames draped with women's clothing. These ventures are either intensely amusing, or else a complete waste of time and resources,

should put its name to them is faintly shocking: the company's great classics of the 19th and 20th centuries owe nothing to applied decoration, and these travesties depend upon it wholly. The remaining prototypes are merely derivative of Starck, Mackintosh, Searinen, Le Corbusier (with touches of Rietveld) and Gimson. Michael Thonet would not have approved, if only because none of these could be successfully mass-

produced and marketed; for

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according to taste. That Thonet

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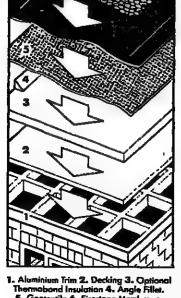
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Flat Roof Problems? manufacturer, and not as an artist. next to the main Tokyo depart-In this - as the better part of the At last, a proven answer with superior good representation of a facet of Thonet that is largely unrecogment store — with two theatres, cinemas, art galleries, a theatre library, a bookstore and restaurant? The answer is probably exhibition demonstrates - he was in a chemico-mechanical way into various forms and curves". With mistaken. nised: the company's huge the necessary machinery having. ● Thouse is being shown at the Design Museum, Bullers Wharf. London SEI 2YD (071-403 6933), until January 28. involvement in the 1920s and been designed by Thonet and his life expectancy that they perceive the Bunkamura 1930s with the new wave of five sons, further patents were taken out in England, France and (Arts City) as a step in a long-term tubular metal furniture. Marcel There is now a waterproofing system that really is a suitable answer to problem flat roofs of commercial, industrial and residential buildings. Firestone's plan: it enhances the city's cultural Belgium, and by means of inter-national exhibitions and showimage, attracts customers into the area of town that is being develrooms, a massive manufacturing oped, and it generates its own SERENISSIMA TRAVEL RubberGard Roofing System incorporates a flexible stretching membrane mode of synthetic rubber, with operation was underway. profits, too. y the turn of the century, the Even with ticket prices ranging from £40 to £110 for WNO, the long lasting characteristics, excellent durability and Thonet Company employed LENINGRAD more than 6,000 workers Thermabond, Firestone's licensed contractor, offers this system, which is strong, flexible and has a pleasing appearance that really enhances the look of commercial, industrial and residential buildings. hall was, amazingly, about 80 per cent full each night. The next opera coming to the Orchard Hall and produced 4,000 pieces of furniture every day - one million **Grand Re-opening** pieces per year. The annual cat-alogue (produced multi-lingually) is Porgy and Bess, in the Houston Grand Opera production. That Installed with a minimum of inconvenience in virtually of the ran to more than 150 pages, illustrating every conceivable application of the process from follows in a notable procession of any weather, Firestone's flat roofing, with or without Thermabond insulation, is the roofing revolution for Tsars' Theatre Western performers playing To-kyo. Sherrill Milnes, Thomas the nineties that resists damage from adverse weath in the children's hoops to bedroom suites, Furthermore, although a Allen, Katia Ricciarelli and Giuseppe Sinopoli were all Winter Palace Firestone hold British Board of Agrément No. 89-2216 for this system, indicating the highest possible workmanship and attention to detail. basic bentwood sidechair could be performing in Japan over one weekend. Martha Graham, the Scottish Ballet, the National Thehad for the price of a bottle of When the curtain fell on the Tsars' Hermitage Theatre in 1917, it was wine - and they were bought in for the last time. After years of neglect the Theatre has now been restored to its former glory with the help of the United Nations. Built by Quarenghi for Cutherine the Great in 1787, it is a beautifully designed intimate theatre for an audience of 300. Over the past few years local craftsmen and artisans from I taly have lovingly restored the fabric of the theatre and work has just finished. Firestone's RubberGard Flat Roofing System is available now, with a 20 year **Thermabond** atre of Great Britain, Michael their thousands by cafes, railway stations and even prisons - the Clark and Christa Ludwig have demand for them to furnish also recently been in Japan.

UK90 has given a British bias and profile to the arts in Japan this fashionable homes never dimin-THERMABOND LTD. ished: Thonet had designed and year - the treasures of the British Museum are also on their way successfully marketed the first (some would say the only) classima has been invited to organise the official re-opening which ROOFING CONTRACTORS AND screnssand has been mined to organise the official re-opening which will take place on Sunday 10 February. With this in mind we have arranged special flights to Leningrad for a long weekend in St Petersburg and to attend the opening right. In addition we have arranged a private drinks party at the splendid Hermitage, where there will be a private viewing of its world knnows amazing collection of West European Art. here. But arts and artists from The star of the show is in some France, Brazil, Austria and the ways the humblest exhibit: placed literally on a pedestal and sur-United States are here, too. In Japan, foreign culture is being rounded by Perspex, stands "Chair 14" - a suitably workmanlike appellation for the accorded unprecedented attention, respect and, above all, openminded curiosity. The resounding success of Fal-staff can, in part, be put down to a classic hoop-backed sidechair, one Ply London (Gatwick) to Leningrad and stay for 4 nights including. of millions produced. Despite its all meals. The programme will include visits to Pushkin and the Palace of Peterbot, city drive including the Smolny Convent, the Church of Prince Vladimir and the Russian Museum, private visit to the Hermitage, re-opening celebrations at the Hermitage Theatre with Andrea Cappelletti and Sergey Tarasov, performance at the Kirov or Maly Theatre. familiarity, the spare simplicity of line and the friskiness of the gently



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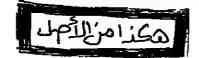
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O, BRAVE old world. This intriguing conceit is as elaborately wrought as the brass filigree on one of the vast steam computers that drive a substitute Victorian age. Science has taken a turn for the hearse, with the murder of the countryside by an Industrial Revolution before its time. This is the bizarre funeral procession of a Brunel come early into his kingdem of calculators and microchips. The result is Conan Doyle embracing Asimov, with a kiss on the check from Frank Harris for lewd measure, Palacontologist Ned Mallory is protecting a misplaced box for Lady Ada Byron — daughter of the prime minister — and finds himself embroiled in a Luddite rebel-

That story-line is as dense as the fog that hangs over London to make it the Great Stink, and one loses way just as easily, missing characters, barging into unex-plained new ones. But the atmosphere is all, from its dollymop girls to the clackers (machine-minders for the computers), from the early kinema to walk-on roles for John Keats and Disraeli ("a sensational novelist"), It bristles with the invention that its cra mothered. In that way — and for all its plot-deficiencies — it works extraordinarily well.

\*\*Bobet Visions, by Issac Asimov (Gollancz, £12.95). The admission that the positronic brain is just gobbledegook makes this a scandalous must for all admirers of the good doctor; rather like Buddha disowning prayer-wheels, the rest constitute metal shavings from the lathe on which he's ishioned his man-machines, with a couple of rather dull essays to fill but. He's still quite proud of his Three Laws of Robotics, though wondering if "I've done anything since to continue to justify my existence". Physician, heal thyself of such mock modesty. You'll do yourself a positronic-brain

Blyperion, by Dan Simmons. (Headline, £13.95). An opic breath-taker. A pilgrimage set in the 29th century to a planet where the million-year-old Time Tombe are about to open. Tales are told by the pilgrims — flying Chancers? - but the underpinning story has a ision that never lets our attenvander off.

Pat Murphy (Pan, £12.95).
Revelation that's as much shallucination, an account of a commune of folk living on after society's collapse and having to confront a new power: a gunminded oligarchy. Ms Murphy's sharp social awareness gives an edge to the blur of her imaginings.

(Bantam, £12.99). Whimsy is what Ms McCaffrey can dispense by the barrow-load, but this, sans the story of the lonely The Rounn the story of the lonely The Rowan we must have the definite article, it's an article of faith - a maiden-telepath on Altair. She was rescued from a mudshide, and grew up to love the wild-talented Jeff. The lump in the throat sentiment is too obviously a contrived obstruction.

# A new woman's novel approach

here used to be something called a "woman's novel", which was not only written by a woman but read chiefly by women, and it was about the problems and vicissitudes of love, marriage and family life. These weren't romanic trash, but sharply observant intelligent livery intelligent. vant, intelligent literary novels such as those written, for example, by sundry distinguished Elizabeths - von Arnim, Bowen, Taylor, Jenkins. The Women's Movement destabilised and democratised the woman's novel. Alison Lurie and Margaret Atwood have sharpened their claws on the stout sofa-legs of its traditions, but they have not destroyed it, nor sought to.

Ann Beattie is American, one of the "thirtysomething" generation and much acclaimed in the United States. Picturing Will is her third novel (she has also written short stories), and Margaret Atwood is quoted on the jacket; "A new Beattie is almost like a fresh bulletin from the front." There is, then, a war on. There always was, in the woman's novel. What changes is the balance of power,

the casus belli, the terrain. Picturing Will is about the loves of men and women, but it focuses on a five-year-old child. Will's mother is a photographer, and photography determines the structure of the novel - points of view and perspectives, close-ups and wide-angle shots. Each adult connected with the child Will pictures him, and each other, from his or her own point of view. Even those who love Will most have impure motives, and use him, unknowingly, to further their own emotional needs, though the reader

Victoria Glendinning on modern relations

when viewing the situation from someone else's angle, later. Today's woman's novel speaks to men as well, and explores the complex, loose structures that our families now are. Will and his mother Jody live with Mel in Charlottesville, Virginia. Mel is a devoted proxy father, he wants Jody to marry him, and looks after Will while she works. Mel comes to love Will with an intensity that

> PICTURING WILL By Ann Beattle Cape, £12.99

seems pure, but may be something

more peculiar. Will's real father Wavne, is now married to Corky, and they live in Florida. Wayne is thoughtless father, a big sweaty slob, whose mind runs on extra-

marital sex, and he gets a lot of it.

When the story is being told from the point of view of either Mel or Wayne, their anitudes seem quite reasonable. It's only when you have finished the novel that you realise that no one is really good for Will - certainly not the man who offers Will's mother a show in his gallery, and seduces another small boy in a hotel room, with Will present: this scene is a horrific erotic tour de force, seen entirely through the eyes of inno-cent, puzzled little Will.

Will would like to tell his mother what happened in the hotel, but she doesn't want to hear

out of this much better than the men. Will meant everything to his mother when she was newly divorced and lonely; when she becomes successful in her work, she is happy to leave the child-care to her lover. Will's father's second wife Corky longs for a child of her own, and lavishes ostentatious attention on Will, hoping to soften

awful Wayne's heart.
Will's mother folded his socks when she packed them for the visit, his father's second wife rolls them into a ball for the return home, like a message of defiance to the other woman. This is the sort of detail - real woman's novel stuff - at which Beattie excels. The narrative is full of documentary snapshots of the clutter of domesticity - of bills, photos, drawings, or the random but telling contents of a bedside chest of drawers, the intimate in-ventories of private life.

It is not easy to infiltrate the consciousness of a child without sentimentality and falsity, and even harder to transcribe childish thought-processes. But Ann Beat-tie can do it, as in a brief passage when Will is on his own, in the bath, playing with his toys - just before he looks out of the window and sees something horrible happening to his father. The book ends with Will grown up, a young father himself, with his own set of mental snapshots, and his own idea of himself, of his elders, and of his child. This is a sensitive, astute book, about the way adults shape children's lives, and vice versa. The skills Ann Beattie now has at her command seem more original than what she has to say, but she is nevertheless provoking and pleasurable to read. The



Ann Beattle, taking compelling snapshots of the emotional and general clutter of modern relationships

# Cats among the cream

PATRICK GALE'S The Cat State teary is a book with claws. It has a soft surface — a story set in sloping Cornish countryside, touching on love, families and forgiveness, delivered in a sentle, straight-forward prose — but from time to time it catches you unawares. A wife is standing on the doorstep waving her husband goodbye, when an explosion scatters his car and his body all over the front garden. A jolly Sunday afternoon drag hunt, hunched with glasses of sherry and horsy goodwill, ends up in a pile of feline comage. Scritch the purface of life, suggest Gale, and you draw blood.

The semesury of the title is one run for stray cats by a batty old woman with rheumatism and a mysterious past. But it has a wider reference, too: a region of north Comwall in which all the men either went off to war and came back in a box, or have left for more gainful employment elsewhere. Whatever the reason, Martyrstow is a land of widows and spinsters, where the only man is not as complete as he might be (his mother caught him playing with himself when he was a child, and took literally violent exception to the fact), and two women can live in sin without scandal. It is a place of repose - ideal for recovery from bereavement, and for rennion between estranged sisters.

The sisters in question are Judith (an independent, insecure writer, who happens to be a lesbian) and hopeless, widowed Deborah, who happens to be a twit. The two, brought together after years apart by Judith's lover, Joanna, are harbouring resentments the size of oil tankers. All in their middle class childhoods, it seems, was not as rosy as it might

Sabine Durrant

THE CAT SANCTUARY



By Patrick Gale Chatto & Windus, £13.99 GOODBYE WITHOUT By Laurie Colwin Hodder & Stoughton, £12.95 RUMPOLEALA CARTE By John Mortimer Viking, £13.99

have been. If there is little mystery hanging over Gale's hints about "Daddy's girl", and a rather melodramatic manner to his coverage of spisodes of child-beating, there is at least some caustic comedy in the women's attempts to sort it all out. The acuteness in the sniping comments, awkward meetings on the stairs, and fur-flying explosions mean their final reunion is actually a bit of a disappointment.

Geraldine Coleshares, the heroine of Laurie Colwin's delightful Goodbye Without Leaving, lives her life on the verse of feeling let. down. There is a brief period, after postgraduate studies, when she travels the US as the only white back-up singer with Vernon and Ruby Shakely and the Shakettes, and feels fulfilled. It is a time spent reading magazines and anointing nails in the back of a bus, being

picked up after shows, dancing to the beat till she loses all sense of self. When it's over, she is stricken by self-doubt, and spends most of ber days worrying about her future or the present, or feeling that part of herself has been left behind. For all her inwardness, though,

Gerry is an engaging character, casting an ironic light on Johnny Miller, her lawyer/pop-picking husband. There is the whole menagerie of uptight suburbia she finds herself conniving with on the dinner party circuit. There is a quirky brightness to the prose, too - speeding over the years, delving into disparate incidents, jumping across conversations - that belies its often downbeat subject (the pressure of hope and responsibility, the agonies of doubt and duty). It is the sort of fiction that reads like autobiography; or auto-biography that reads like fiction.

There has always seemed to be a good deal of autobiography in John Mortimer's Rumpele books. It is the sense that things have been experienced at first hand which largely lends the series its easy familiarity. Whether Mortimer himself, in his time as a barrister, ever had to defend the proprietor of a rodent-infested restaurant, or found himself propositioned by "the worst driver who ever skidded ber cleaming white Volkswagen off the Uxbridge road" (episodes that tax his fictional barrister in this latest collection of short stories) is probably an issue best thrown out of court. Whatever, regular followers will recognise immediately the controlled proximity of author to

But then, by now the Rumpole tone is deep inside the realm of the formulaic. Here it is again - the world-weary loucheness of Jeffrey Bernard (late nights on the whisky, and cynical deference to "she who must be obeyed") tempered by a tweedy jocularity more obviously reminiscent of P. G. Wodehouse. Probably club members only.

HERE'S a treat for the reader described as "a novel to com-plement Emma", this is Joan Aiken's view of Jane Fairfax, following her equally attractive Manafield Revisited.

Jane Fairfax, left an orphan at a very early age, went as we all know to live with her grandmother and her aunt Hetty. She is dressed entirely in cast-offs from the Woodhouse children — cut down from the older Isabella, wearing particularly unbecoming colours suitable to Emma, who is her own age, Mrs Woodhouse, a charming, fragile figure, hopes that Emma and Jane will play together and be best friends, but it is a hopeless task. Even at six, Emma's character was fully formed; but Jane shares her music lessons, and soon outstrips her.

Causes of resentment are there, and Emma's settled diglike of Jane is reinforced when Mrs Woodhouse leaves her £100 in her will. The death of a young woman in childbirth was all too common in those days, and Mr Woodhouse is not seen as the delightfully funny valetudinarian, but a selfish, weak man. Jane is virtually adopted by Colonel Campbell (her late father's commanding officer) and his wife, and finds a sister in Rachel, the nervous daughter of the house. In the Austen tradition of odious snobs is Mrs Fitzroy, the legant, impoverished mother of Mrs Campbell, sweetly venomous to Jane. Her cry "What kind of name is that?" is applied to all but

the aristocracy.

Jane grows up pretty and ele-gant, but knows that a dreary fate awaits her as a governess - even a lady's maid would be more fun, and probably be paid more, she thinks. But she gets three proposals of marriage during a visit to Weymouth: one she scorns, one she rejects for Rachel's sake, and one she accepts - clandestinely, as

we all know. Jane and Frank Churchill are in a similar plight - both taken out of their social backgrounds to something rather more grand, and both dependent on others for their livelihood and ultimate happiness. The darker side of Regency life is reflected in a way that Miss Austen ignored -- another pen has filled in the shadows. Emma is a minor character - something that would have annoyed that self-

 The Lost Chronicle of Edward de Vere, by Andrew Field (Viking, £13.99). The seventeenth Earl of Oxford, Lord Great Chamberlain, dying of the plague, reveals to the world that he is the poet and the playwright known to all as Wil-

JAPANESE FLOWER

Darker sides of Jane

HISTORICALS

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JANE FAIRFAX By Joan Alken Gollancz, £12.95

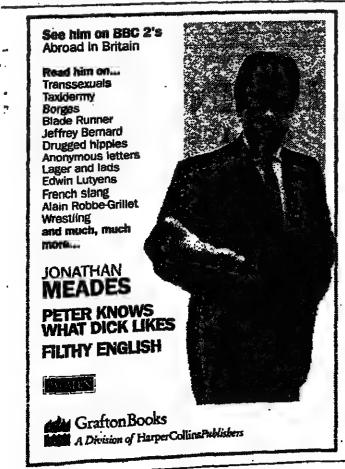
ham Shakespeare. During his busy life in the world (courtier, traveller) he claims to have found time (with the assistance of a circle of writers) to write all the plays and the sonnets. An amusing book, but such a cross-grained, cantankerous fellow could never have created the human comedy (let alone the tragedy). A delusion caused by the plague, perhaps?

• Princes among their Peoples, by Jane Ball (Simon & Schuster, £13.95). Benedict is a clever little boy, with a talent for figures. But his father sells bim to a cruel goldsmith in York, from which fate he is rescued by Josce, a rich Jew. Twelfth-century York turned against the Jews, and his kind master died - but his daughter

Francesca was saved. A gradual rise through the social system of poor knights in tumbledown manor houses, with danger from Welsh marauders, and the bigger struggle between Richard and his brother John as a background.

 The Unsuitable Miss Pelham, by June Drummond (Gollancz, £13.95). Admirers of the late, great Georgette Heyer will recognise the genre - a Regency romance, and quite an ingenious one. Diplomat and earl, Alexander Frome, is rich and a very eligible bachelor. Driving with his brother Nick in the country, he witnesses an attempted murder. He finds that the young man with the pistol is in fact a young woman, the independent and attractive Lucilla Pelham, grand-daughter of Sir Shorto Curie. Two love stories, a murder story, the last three people in a tontine, a family feud, and a happy ending are neatly entwined.

● Tamgar, by Flora Fraser (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £13). The poet Pindar of Thebes is delighted that Hieron, tyrant of Syracuse, has chosen him to compose an ode celebrating a victory at Olympia. But Syracuse itself is in danger from the dispossessed Sikels, its corn burned, its citizens massacred. Unfortunately, while the details are accurate, the descrip-tions of Syracuse lack any kind of life, and the dialogue is flat and unconvincing. Someone should have removed the "complicitous smiles", which appear too often on a number of faces.



# Chat-show screams

LEGEND has certainly launched its novella imprint with the big guns. Everything Carroll writes is required reading for anyone re-motely interested in horror and fantasy fiction; and this is no exception, even if he gives the impression of baving suddenly truncated a half-written, full-length novel to fit the format. Los Angeles radio chat-show host Ingram York (brother of a character from one of the author's previous books) finds that there is more to his new friend Michael than meets the eye. As always, Carroll blends keen psychological insight with a sinister slant on

• Reborn, by F. Paul Wilson (New English Library, £13.95). Wilson's big hit was The Keep — cvil Nazis versus even more evil vampire and this purports to be a sequel, though there are only a few marginal points of reference to the HORROR Anne Billson

BLACK COCKTAIL By Jonathan Carroll Legend, £8.99, paperback, £4.50

original book, and the open ending and 1968 setting suggest that a third part is in the offing. Basically, the incredibly ancient and evil being is seeking to be reborn. Characters include a man with hairy palms and no soul, his wife, and a hysterical coven of Catholic

vigilantes who are aiming to stomp out the Antichrist before he can put in an appearance. This is nowhere near as compelling and original as The Keep, but interesting in that the pawns of evil are more sympathetically drawn than the would-be agents of

important young woman very much indeed, Great fun,

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WHEN Anouilh's pièce brillante hit London 30 years ago - a nme at which many a crincal head was blindly stuck in the kitchen sink it was widely dismissed as clever, superficial, glossy. Ian McDiarmid's excellent revival should belatedly end the sneers. This is an angry if elegant play, and the human objects of its are are with us still: smiling, shrugging and complaining about being bored. It is an attack on superficiality; an analysis of gloss that demonstrates how poisonous the stuff can be.

Count. Countess and friends are entertaining themselves by re-hearsing Marivaux's Double Inconstancy, in which a prince woos and weds a shepherdess. Life promptly decides to play a few variations on art. Something stirs inside the Count as he makes his stilted addresses to the nursemaid performing the rustic heroine; and it is, it seems, more than the casual lust that his wife and his mistress have come to tolerate. This intrusive bumpkin has touched some long-forgotten yearning, perhaps even a capacity for love, in the sophisticated nob. That is an unforgivable sin, and it is duly

Now, I for one began by feeling there was something absurdly romantic at the play's heart. It seemed unlikely that Jonathan Hyde's fastidious Count would

Rough Crossing

King's Head

TOM Stoppard's first go at adapt-

ing this morsel of pre-war froth by

Ferenc Moinar, the Hungarian

playwright, was given a lavish pro-

duction at the National in 1984.

By all accounts his cascading puns and invention over-egged the

soufflé, but the real trouble is

more likely to have been too much

production chasing too little

The story is absurdly, and of

course deliberately, slender. A

couple of musical comedy writers

(Roland Curram and Robert Aus-

tin) are crossing the Atlantic and,

hope to have sorted out the plot of

their new show. This presents

them with two problems. First,

whenever the steward (Kevin

Moore) appears with drinks they

have ordered, he contrives to

misunderstand the conversa-

tion — as in the nautical phrase for

going downstairs, "down the hatch" — and swallows the drink

himself. Ouestion No 1: Will the

cognac ever go down the right throat? Question No 2: Will they

TELEVISION

Medics/Die Kinder

ITV/BBC 2

TWO new drame series opened

last night, both demonstrating the

state of the art. The art of Die

Kinder (BBC 2) is that of Centrepoint and Edge of Dark-

ness: a grainy post-modernist

Euro-thriller set against recent

political upheavals at home and

abroad. The art of Granada's

Medics is by contrast a throwback

to that of Hollywood circa 1955,

when Ben Casey and Dr Kildare

were reckoned to represent the

heights of American medical and

Set in a Manchester hospital,

where the plot of episode one of

so much created as inadequately

recalled from Fatal Attraction, this

dramatic invitation to abandon

ever sort out their show?

by the time they reach New York,

THEATRE

fall quite so seriously for Julia Ormond's earnest, mulish Lucile. Again, her simple virtue seemed more priggish and her absolute devotion less credible than Anouille, always a sucker for innocent young women, was able to recognise. Yet by the end author and production had bounced me, not just into suspending disbelief, but into thinking my objections evidence of the very cynicism they

were deploring.
Others will surely feel the same way after the scene in which the Count's best friend, egged on by the Countess, invades Lucile's bedroom and fibs, whines, rages and emotionally politics his way under her skin. This is bravura acting by Jonathan Kent, full of destructiveness and self-disgust, outpowering anything in Les Liaisons Dangereuses; but it is perfectly logical given the intense envy that Anough has already shown being provoked by warm, honest feeling in these cold, sly

He created them aristocrats, but nowadays they would be more likely to belong to some smug, self-regarding subdivision of the meritocracy. Nicola Pagett's Countess is brasher than so polished a woman should be: but, helped by Christine Kavanagh as the Count's brittle mistress, she proves an expert propopent of her household's philosophy Virtue is to be amusing, sin is to be dull, to bell with those who cannot be stylishly trivial. It is a message echoing from enough metropoli-tan dining-tables today.

Their composer (Dominic

Hawksley) has overheard the lead-

ing girl (Anrta Dobson), whom he

loves, canoodling with his rival (Ronald Allen), the leading man.

Suicide beckons. The Atlantic lies

and a wall studded with rivets.

all around.

But don't be alarmed. The effect



is not puritanical, not moralising. McDiarmid has transferred humour to the Garrick, along with the classy Jasper Conran costumes so admired in his original production at the Almeida. Anouilh's redis-

covery seems to me overdue. Were its success to continue, it would mainly be because of his plays' dark, disconcerung fun.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

### THEATRE Gargantua and Pantagruel Warehouse, Croydon

Stoppard has now revised his first attempt into a very pleasing way to pass a couple of hours. He THE Lords of Misrule are a company of two performers whose has cut out the chorus, which must repertory includes Elizabethan drama, including Shakespeare, and such titanic undertakings as have made the second balf ridiculously top-heavy. The story cannot bear the impediments of a fullan adaptation of Gulliver's Travets. Now they have gone even blown showbiz number and, further (in more than one sense) because Martin Connor's producwith Rabelais's roistering bymn to tion is shorn of such pretentions, it works. The production is not healthy appetites and hefty

exactly "poor theatre", as our friends in the East say, but it This is not a show for children or the faint-hearted, Ideally it makes do with a little - an artdeco door and porthole, a lifebelt needs a beery, smoky, tavernful of rollicking spectators, something I would not think that much of Croydon was deficient in providing on a wet Tuesday night. Nothing daunted, David Ford the original Molnar survives in this version. No matter, or not much matter. Stoppard's jokes, strapped on a huge blue member particularly the running gags, are likeable even if not out of his top (not a Tory MP) as the perpetually priapic Gargantua, and led us in drawer. There is amusing acting search of the holy bottle, a more from the team of six, particularly practical goal than the Grail.

from Moore's keep unrepentant Ford and Alan Leigh use all the tricks available, even cinematic steward and Curram's suave mannerisms - they can mime the wordsmith, whose typing errors great sexual cliché of a train going into a tunnel, or the shimmering produce, among other gems, Dodo dimolve that beraids a flashback JEREMY KINGSTON | A couple of chairs and a desk

provide the furniture, with most of the props stored in the drawers: a lettuce, nun's headeear, a witch's nose, a bald wig; in addition, the cardboard box, carrier bag and copy of the Guardian that signify destitution. The actors neatly convey suckling babies, opening letters, riffling through a card index and the atomic mushroom cloud that results from Panta-

gruel's fart. Breaking wind, urinating and boozing occupy much of the 100 or so minutes' subject matter, less obviously than might be feared from the jokey programme that makes clear the sponsorship by a chain of pubs with a series of firkin

The performance is unfailingly ingenious, and the writing is sometimes evocative. Those coloured icebergs, the frozen words of Rabelais's original, are here invisible but identified as snatches of cliché; there are the floppy feet that become ears for Hearsay, and the white bag sewn with red lips over the head of those obligingly learning to be witnesses. By the end, it is all something of a jumble. But even the dozen-strong audience had relaxed sufficiently to offer the laughter which the evening cries out for from the start.

### MARTIN HOYLE Baader-Meinhof gangs. In its opening hour, however, *Die Kinder* did little more than estab-Miranda Richardson plays the distraught mother, ice-cold manper hiding a desperation to get the kids of the title back to England,

Forrest's seedy 1940s charm and Richardson's feminist determination should make for a good odd-couple match; and still to come is the story of how the German rebels of the Sixties were conditioned by their Nazi-conforming parents, a subtext already outlined alongside that of Germa-

considerable intelligence and complexity for those who do not expect the usual local mix of

SHERIDAN MORLEY

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STRAMONIUM

(b) The thorn-apple tree or bush, Dataru Stramonium, and also a drug like belladouna goi from its seeds and leaves, Latin, possibly copied from a Tatar word: "I have found the stramonium especially beneficial in cases of main attended with little or no fever."

DOLIUM

(a) A large earthenware jar widesprend in the Roman empire, more or less spherical, used for holding wine, oil, or dry commodities such as grain, from the Latin: "For everye day of the Kalender of the yere, a dolum of wyne."

ADSCRIPTION S.

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(a) Supplemental, extrinsic, superfluous, from
the Latin adsciscere to admit, adopt, and sundry
other meanings: "Good old Biff." "It won't last.
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first-year acting class was strong on lines like "There is nothing between us" and "It's all a bit ment of the night. But the writers of Medics are always strong on understatement: "Are you alright?" enquired a mother solicitously of a daughter who had just found her doctor-lover bloodily dismembered in her bed by a previous girlfriend.

Beyond the suggestions that there is more blood-letting among the doctors than the patients, it is difficult to assess precisely what Medics is doing, apart from establishing the case for an immediate return to vintage high-lights from Emergency Ward 10. According to Granada, it is designed "to confront controversial medical issues" such as presumably what is the correct emotional response and clothing for a stu-dent nurse faced with an unexpected corpse in the wrong part of the hospital, and some of the worst dialogue since the creation

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General Medical Council being remote, the best hope here might be to have the rest of the series postponed for drastic recasting and rewriting. Episode one was in fact held over for a mouth, though I doubt we shall be so lucky with episode two. It would be an act of medical charity not to name any of those involved, in case they ever plan to operate again in some other field of dramatic endeavour. Meanwhile Medics has already achieved the curious distinction of making the barely adequate Carualty look like a classic of its bed-

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# Pickings far from rich

EVEN as it was winning the Evening Standard Drama Award for best play, William Nicholson's Shadowlands was smarting from harsh reviews on Broadway, where it opened on Sunday. Although he admired leading actor Nigel Hawthorne, Frank Rich in the New York Times wrote that the play, about C.S. Lewis's relationship with American poet Joy Davidman, "has little more intellectual or emotional depth than a tearjerker set in two-cargarage surburbia". Other critics were not much kinder, but the play's true fate will be determined at the box office. Initial signs are not promising: the play opened to almost no advance sales after playing to less than 40 per cent capacity in previews.

### A stitch in time

WITH contributions of £50,000 apiece from the National Heritage Memorial Fund and the National Art Collection Fund, the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art has just purchased an exceptional and important early picture by the French intimiste painter, Edouard Vuillard, Low-key in colour and intensely patterned almost to the verge of abstraction, "Two Seamstresses in the Workroom" was acquired from Vuillard's studio by the Edinburgh artist Charles Mackie in 1893 and has been in Scotland ever since. An exhibition of Vuillard's work, which includes "Two Seamstresses", is now on at the William Hardie Gallery, Glasgow.

Forster in the can THE only E.M. Forster povel left unfilmed will soon be The Longest Journey. Shooting finished on Sunday for Charles Sturridge's film of Where Angels Fear to Tread, due for release next spring. Judy Davis, from A Passage to India, heads the cast along with Rupert Graves, Helen Mirren and Helena Bonham Carter. Early in 1991, the producer Ismail Merchant and director James Ivory the team responsible for Maurice and A Room With a View - tackle Howard's End, the novel which some considered Forster's master work. Names mentioned as possible stars include Anthony Hopkins and, again, Bonham Carter.

### Last chance . . .

TWO hours of non-stop dancing. anecdotes, gags, songs, and a little gentle reincarnation theory confirm Shirley MacLaine as one of the great all-round entertainers of our era - and a stunning advertisement for life after 50. With an eight-piece band and four lithesome hoofers behind her, she gives a meamerising, high-energy display of technique, character and much self-debunking wit. Her show, Out There Tonight, finishes at the Dominion (071-580 8845) CINEMA: NEW RELEASES

# No masking a well-worn plot

David Robinson reviews Sam Raimi's

Darkman, Criminal Law, The Reflecting

Skin, The Icicle Thief and Madhouse

ment hidden behind a mask, has stalked Grand Guignol since Gaston Leroux's 1910 thriller The Phantom of the Opera. Hollywood variants have included The Mystery of the Wax Museum. The Face Behind the Mask and innumerable B-picture derivatives.

In Darkman (15, Cannons Ful-ham Road, Oxford Street, Plaza; Whiteleys), Sam Raimi and a small army of script collaborators (five are credited) bring the story up to date. As the film starts, Liam Neeson is given the standard treatment, by acid bath and fire, at the hands of gangsters working for a crooked property developer (currently the most favoured profession for movie villains).

Neeson happens to be a scientist who has almost (but unfortunately not quite) perfected artificial skin. His mask-making is a sophisticated affair with computers and lasers a far cry from the handicrafts of the old Wax Museum.

In other respects Sam Raimi pays full homage to the most venerable borror-movie traditions. Universal, which produced Darkman, was, after all, the studio where both versions of Phantom of the Opera were made.

The monster lurks and darts in streets that are transformed to Expressionist nightmares by dramatic lighting and pouring rain. He wears the flowing black cloak and broad-brimmed but of the old Phantom, though it is unclear where he found such a recherché wardrobe. His bandaged face is borrowed from another Universal borror classic, The Invisible Man.

Raimi's previous films were the shoestring horror-comics The Evil Dead and its sequel. The writing of Darkman has not kept pace with the greater sophistication of its production resources. Visually the film is inventive, but the storytelling is slapdash, missing most of its opportunities. Surprisingly lit-tle is made, for instance, of the Cinderella syndrome introduced by the synthetic skin which turns to sludge after exposure to light.

Though it could have offered much more, Darkman is at least lively nonsense, maintaining its belance between horror and absurdist comedy, and climaxing with an outrageous, cartoon-comedy finale on the beights of a skyscraper building site.

Like Liam Neeson in Darkman, Gary Oldman turns American for Criminal Law (18, Cannons Chelsea Haymarket. Shaftesbury Ave), an American-style film, set in Boston but shot in Canada by British Martin Campbell

The story exploits the layman's

he crazed avenger, his hideous facial disfigurehideous facial disfigureof defence lawyers who know their of defence lawyers who know their clients are guilty. Oldman is an unconventional attorney who successfully defends a rich and charming young man (Kevin Ba-

con) accused of rape and murder. The freed man thereupon plays cat-and-mouse with the lawyer, perversely contriving to make him an unintentional accessory in his Subsequent serial killings.

Campbell, previously known for his television series Edge of Darloress, builds up an at-mosphere of menace; and the playing of Oldman and Bacon deserved a better script than Mark Kasdan has given them. The story hurches from corny thriller devices of secret passages and ancestral portraits to the pretensions of a moribund ancient who interrupts the action from time to time, like a philosophical platitudes.

There are occasional, frustrating hints of a darker and potentially more interesting psycho-actual drama, including a scene where Oldman, engaged in sadistically violent sex with the sister of a murder victim, suddenly perceives his partner as the handsome young murderer himself.
The trail to Canada to make

American-style pictures is currently well-trodden by British directors. Another example this week is Philip Ridley's The Reflecting Skin (15, Cannons Tottenham Court Road and Piccadilly, Gate, Notting Hill), a bizarre essay in American Gothic, set in Iowa some 40 years ago.

Nine-year-old Seth (Jeremy Cooper) lives in a prairie shack that looks like a painting which Edward Hopper abandoned. Ma is given to subjecting the boy to water torture. Dad incinerates himself, along with the family gas station, on account of someth nasty he once did. Brother is a war veteran disintegrating from radiation sickness. The neighbours are weird. The sheriff, having lost an our to a dog, an eye to a wasp, and a hand to a mapper-fish, has an understandably jaundiced view of

The only local amenity is that anyone can butch a lift from the neighbourhood child-killers, who cruise around in black leather (surely an anachronism for 1950?) and a big Cadillac.

It is no surprise then that little Seth keeps a dead baby under his bed and is given to bursting inflated from. This whimsically bizarre tale is presented straight-faced by Philip Ridley as writer-director. Does he intend us to laugh when, at the end of the film, Seth is asked "Why don't you play with your friends", and answers



Liam Neeson attempts a kidnap in Durkman, Sam Raimi's update of the classic Grand Guignol story about the disfigured avenger

"Because they're all dead"? Performances are portentously stylised and stubbornly slow, and the best part is Dick Pope's highly decorative camerawork, which

provides a striking stage for Ridley's macabre human 200. The Icicle Thief (PG, Metro) is an unqualified treat. Maurizio Nichetti belongs to a uniquely Italian school of director-comedians whose films are rarely seen outside their own territory. In his acreen character, Nichetti looks rather like the young Einstein, with the mane of an electrocuted lion, a sad, drooping monstache, and startled eyes behind wirerimmed glasses. He scuttles around on short, stiff legs, but is never first enough to evade the physical disasters which persis-

e is a film director in The Icicle Thief, invited to the television studios to introduce his black-and-white neo-realist classic. Talked down by a critic, he suffers as his film is sliced-up with brightly coloured

Gradually film and commercials begin to invade each other. A well-fed, bikini-ciad, full-colour model girl lands in the black-andannounces her intention of staying

there. The poor peasants from the

movie wander into the commercials, and are ecstatic at the discovery of this consumer world of plenty. Little Nichetti vainly battles to restore order.

This sophisticated satire on the undifferentiated tap-flow of television is also a passionate declaration of love for the movies. Indeed, its only weakness is that Nichetti's indulgent pleasure in his pastiche of De Sica's Bicycle Thief sometimes slows down the comedy. Nichetti is unrecog-nisable his second role as the balding hero of the neo-realist film within this Pirendellian film.

The true star of Madhouse (15, Cannons Tottenham Court Road, Panton Street; Odeon Mezzanine) is an appalling cat that vomits spectacularly on the rest of the cast and persistently resurrects itself, ever more bedraggled, no matter how diligently it is murdered and buried. The human part of the cast are much louder, but rarely have such good script material as the

A first film by writer-director Tom Ropelewski, this situation comedy about a nightmare invasion by awful house-guests demonstrates that mere escalation of catastrophes does not constitute comedy. He story introduces snakes, elephants, malevolent children, drug dealers; burns down one house and demolishes another, but gets no funnier.

CRITIC'S CHOICE: VIDEO

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ENEMIES, A LOVE STORY (20.20) Vision, 15) Paul Mazursky's skilful version of the isaac Bashevis Singer novel about a Holocaus! survivor complicated love life in New York. Engrossing performances from For Siver, Anjelica Huston, Lena Olin. 1930.

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MARX BROTHERS (MGM/UA, U): Boxed set of three comedies from the MGM period, when conventional plots and romance began to sap the team's anarchy. One strong title, A Day at the Races, props up two weaker brethren — Go Wasi and The Big Store SANTA SANGRE (Palace 18) Bloodsoaked lantasy set in a travelling circus, from cinema's wild man Alejandro Jodorowsky - returning to the director's chair allier a ten year gap Extraordinary, surreal, and disturbing

SHE-DEVIL (Virgin Vision, 15) Susan Seidelman's wavward rendition of Fav Weldon's novel about a frumpy housewile's revenge on society Roseanne Sair and Meryl Streep attack their material with relish, but the book's barbs emerge muffled 1990

(MGM/UA, U) Handsome, irreverent MGM spectacular, which seems almost a musical - instead of bursting into song and dance, Gene Kelly (d'Artagnan) bursts into awordfights to the strains of Tcharkovsky Lana Turner dazzies as Lady de Winter 1948

TOM AND JERRY (MGM/UA U) Five polections of cat-and-mouse antics are newly available — all jumping through cades, though the simp cartoons of the late Fifties and Sorties youngsters, aggravating for adult

TREASURE ISLAND (MGM/UA, U). Waltace Beery as Long John Silver and Jackie Cooper as "Jim lad", in a that picks up gusto as it proceeds Director, Victor Fleming 1934

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# Re-awakening a silent splendour

Geoff Brown on a limited resources he clearly British classic

making a comeback

Then silent movies are given the gala treat-ment of live, fullblown musical accompaniment, British cinema tends to get trampled by the big guns from Hollywood and France. tiant of a film like Napoleon or Ben Hur, but the national output had its moments in the late Twenties, particularly when a young Alfred Hitchcock was at the helm.

On Sunday morning, at the Lumière cinema, the London Film Festival hoists the Union Jack and exhumes E.A. Dupont's Moulin Rouge - a spectacular production in its lay, which won wide praise from the critics. "Britain's first super-film," said the Sunday Graphic, "Dazzlingly brilliant photographic quality," pronounced the Daily Tele-"Really marvellous," cooed the News of the World. The original presentation was accompanied by a pot-pourri of popular melodies; Sunday's audience will be treated to a missioned by the British Film poser Mike Westbrook.

Moulin Rouge was made at Elstree by British International Pictures, and the company took the international" seriously. The director, chief cameraman and art director were from Germany, where the star, Olga Tsche-chowa, a White Russian (and Chekhov's niece), had also carved her career. France supplied the leading man, Jean Bradin, and the setting the Parisian cabaret where Tschechowa performs exotic gyrations and wins the love of a well-bred young man who had initially planned to marry

Dupont is largely forgotten now, yet his 1925 circus melodrama, Variety - hugely successful with international audiences - made him cinema's golden boy for a time. The Elstree studio proudly

spent them on elaborate visuals and mobile camera work rather than the story. At its debut. Moulin Rouge histrous performance, and about 50 minutes were quickly

Westbrook is no stranger to have a narrative thrust; he has ms debut. For imprumentation, he is using the perky chamber group of Stravinsky's The Soldier's Tale. Sunday's players are the Matrix Ensemble, conducted by Robert feel for music theatre with his programmes of Eisler and Weill at the recent Almeida festivals. He promises a score

The chamber scoring means Westbrook's music can be The film will also be seen on BBC 2 - the first, it is hoped of a series of silent revivals with new scores, including Murnau's Faust, Jacob Prota-Hinchoock's Blackmail.

was struck off the books for 11 years after punching one of the Dead End Kids, who had been

Moulin Rouge, with Westbrook's music, recalls a vanished, adventurous are of British movie-making just before the microphone turned all studios into towers of Babel. There is nothing here that under the carpet.

Moulin Rouge is being pre-sented on November 18 at 11 am at the Lumière cinema. Tickets from the National Film Theatre (071-928 3232).

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# Three face charges over the Guildford Four case

By Stewart Tendler

THREE of the Surrey detectives involved in questioning the Guildford four are to be prosecuted for conspiracy to pervert the course of justice, Allan Green QC, the Director of Public Prosecutions, announced yes-

Up to a dozen current and former officers were named in a report sent to the DPP some weeks ago by a team of Avon and Somerset officers investigating the case. Yesterday a spokesman for the DPP said Mr Green had concluded there was insufficient evidence to justify criminal proceedings against any other officers involved in the prosecu-tion of the four after IRA bombings in Guildford and Woolwich 16 years ago.

The three men facing charges are former Detective Inspector Thomas Style, who retired as a superintendent, former Detective Sergeant John Donaldson and Detective Constable Vernon Attwell. Summonses against the three will be issued within days. After the announcement of the DPP's decision, the Surrey force announced that two other officers, Detective Sergeant Martin Wise and Detective Constable Peter Lewis, remain suspended pending a decision on disciplinary

After the DPP's announcement, Brian Hayes, chief constable of Surrey, said: "I am very sad that one serving and two retired officers from the Surrey constabulary are to be prosecuted. Neverthe-less, I take comfort from the fact that after such an exhaustive and painstaking enquiry action is being taken against so few. In particular, I am relieved that no evidence has emerged of any systematic conspiracy, corruption or wrongdoing in respect of the Guildford pub bombings case. We must now await developments at

The Guildford four are Paul Hill, Gerry Coulon, Patrick Armstrong and Carole Richardson. They were freed in October 1989 after 15 years in prison by the Court of Appeal when the Crown announced evidence had emerged of alleged malpractice by Surrey officers. The prosecutions an-nounced yesterday will not be heard until next year. The judicial enquiry under Sir John May, a former appeal court judge, set up to look at the case, will have to wait until the end of next year or 1992 to start work on the main

Sir John stopped sitting publically earlier this year after hearings on the Maguire case and now taking written evidence The delays mean the settlement of compensation for the four Guildford defendants may also be delayed.



Lock-keepers: a Sotheby's porter, Colin Andrews, waits for assistance beside the Constable painting auctioned yesterday

JOHN Constable's The Lock broke the world now become, like the other works in the record for a British painting when Baron baron's much travelled collection, an "exiled Thyssen-Bornemisza secured it for £10.78 masterpiece". million at Sotheby's in London, bidding personally on the telephone (Sarah Jane advisory board, the baron has both acquired a Checkland, Art Market Correspondent, great painting and given the flagging market a writes). The price, however, fell short of the £15 million upper estimate placed by the

Christopher Gibbs, acting for "a London citizen". Afterwards Mr Gibbs complained that the 1824 river scene described by the artist Sudeley Castle, Gloucestershire. as "beautifully silvery, windy, and delicious"

The painting is now, according to Sotheby's, ional Art Collections Fund and the London and "my friends all tell me it is my best" will destined for the baron's museum in Lugano, Historic House Museums Trust.

As a shareholder and member of Sotheby's great painting and given the flagging market a boost. In spite of two attempts by Christie's to break it with two leading works by Turner, both of which went unsold, the record had been The underbidder, gesturing from within a held for six years by Turner's Seascape, capacity crowd, was the London dealer Folkestone. The proceeds from The Lock, minus Sotheby's cut, will go towards settling outstanding death duties from the estate at

Switzerland, passing to Spain next year. Fifth in Constable's series of six scenes on the Stour, it shows Flatford Lock from a low viewpoint, with a barge in the basin while the lock-keeper opens the shutter of the lock gates. The tower of Dedham church can be seen in the distance.

Meanwhile English Heritage acquired their most expensive painting after secretly bidding for it at Sotheby's in London yesterday (Simon Tait writes). View from the Cascade Terrace, Chiswick, by George Lambert and William Hogarth, was bought for £200,000, £50,000 less than the expected price, with help from the National Heritage Memorial Fund, the National Act Collectime Fund and the Landau Political sketch

# Competition in the Womble Stakes

"LORD Montagu has told me," started Chris Patten, bravely. He was answering a question about the chairman of English heritage and his "cathedrals initiative" ...but it was no use. Try as he would, there was no way the environment secretary and his plucky ministerial team could interest the House in a wider environment than is defined by the boundaries of

MICHAEL POWELL

"Who's he voting for?" shouted Labour backbenchers, involving even the august Lord Montagu in the Tory leadership elections. Mr Patten tried again. "I realise the repair of cathedrals is not uppermost in everyone's mind at present.

"Point of Order, Mr Speaker! yelled Dennis Skinner, inter-rupting. He was pointing at the Tories' James Hill (Southampton Test), opposite, conferring with colleagues and writing something onto a notepad: "Is it in order for the hon gentleman to keep a "book"?"

It had been thus ever since Prayers. One of the first ques-tions had been from the doublebarrelled, watch-chained and silk-handkerchiefed Dr Charles Goodson-Wickes (C) who must be disappointed to represent only a single-barrelled constituency, Wimbledon, Dr Goodson-Wickes spoke mournfully of "the sorry state of the River Wandle."

"It flows," he added, in case anyone should wonder how so

elegant a man could be interested in a ditch, "through my constituency of Wimbledon."

Opposition voices yelled: "You're a womble! "a Wandle womble!" A helpful thought struck me: "Dr Charles Goodson-Wickes (Conservative-Unionist. Wimbledon-Wombledon)" is an unlikely

A better womble would be the new junior minister in Mr Patten's department, the kindly, roly-poly Robert Key, Yes-terday was his first day at the dispatch box, but ministerial debuts — and ministerial resignation speeches - are twoa-penny these days and nobody

of what, any longer. It resembles the atmosphere surrounding the last days of Czar Nicholds II. "Might as well enjoy it while it lasts" seemed to be Keys" poulle

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where except at No 10 itself...
Their king in exile, Mr
Heseltine, had been quoted that morning as promising to abolish poll-tax if elected leader. our were full of this and tried to bring it into everything - even a question about a new main drain for Inverness. Eventually, Mr Key was cornered by Labour's Dave Blunkett. Where did he stand on the abolition of poll-tax?

Gamely, Key stood four-square behind the PM. Heseltine, he said was "promising jam tomorrow, like Lab-

Note that Key is a cunuch, and study the reply given by fellow-minister Michael Portillo - a centurion - to the same question, later. Portillo ducked it. He denied that Heseltine had made such a

pledge. Curious, you think, that the cunuch supports and the centurion ducks? Not really. A cunuch is confident of his position under this caesar or the next. Centurions, however, are looking to a less certain future. Centurious are beginning to bedge. A fuscinating moment.

MATTHEW PARRIS

Media menagerie stalks

# Israelis fear attacks from all quarters

Continued from page 1 chemical war heads for its medium-range missiles, and say Israel would only have a few hours'

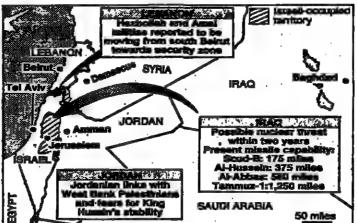
advance warning at most of preparations for an attack.

Israeli concern over deteriorating border security with Jordan, which has supported Baghdad, is reflected in calls this week for Israel to create a "security zone" in the Jordan valley to match the zone it established in southern Lebanon in 1985. The death of an Israeli sergeant on Tuesday during an attack by an Arab gunman, and a similar incident last week are being directly attributed to a loss

of control over Arab extremists by King Husain as his throne is buffeted by pro-lraqi fervour.

There is also anxiety over Lebanon and reports that Hezbollah, Amal and other Shia Muslim militias are leaving Beirut and regrouping in southern Lebanon within striking distance of the nine-mile security zone patrolled by the Israeli Army and its Arab ally, the South Lebanon Army.
Israel is also afraid that a

prolonged confrontation is fanning the flames of the intifada, or Palestinian uprising, which had been flagging until the Gulf conflict but is gathering pace again.



# Continued from page 1 he is about to deliver." Over an

Most districts will see more

he is about to deriver. Over an hour later the political correspondents reappeared and galloped off in all directions, pausing only to confirm that yes, he was, that several spaniels had been running around their feet as they went about their business, and that his wife Anne had been running around like a mad thing organising the interviews and phone.

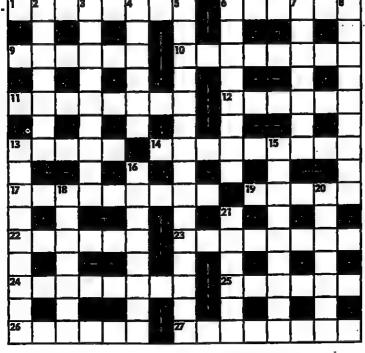
At last, at high noon, consummation. Mr Mates came out and said rather grandly: "He is

an elusive challenger pose for photographs, but will not answer questions. Fire minutes later the candidate aumself emerged, his glassed in one hand and his wife in the other, the famous blond mane looling as though a squadron of configura

had been preparing it since dawn. The bears and munkeys became dangerously sacited.

He put on his glasses and read. looked at him adoringly, and at one stage conspicuously crossed her fingers. PC Donaghy muttered "He's standing," into his lapel.

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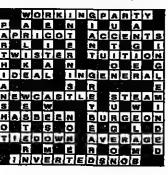


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- 1 Welsh town in which the leaves
- 6 Grab high-sounding honour (6). 9 An acid critic right out of place
- 10 He looks you in the eye, producing a coin tip (8).

  11 Greens here form group after
- whip round (4-4),
- 12 Countryman's dog retrieved out of its turn (6). 13 It may be shingled or combed by
- a man (5). 14 It sounds an admirable vehicle for the back-seat driver (6,3). 17 A booby, obviously (9).
- 19 Some infant rattles can produce cavities (5).
- 22 Game with chips? This is the place to visit! (6).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,451



- ionary calendar (8). 24 A repeated phrase, one the Western allies applied to E Ger-25 A frec BBC (6).
- 26 Actors go off in this direction 27 In headlong flight from a gre-nade explosion (8).

- 2 Record I have left for one of a later generation (7). 3 It's not made up - that's ob-
- 4 Mysterious officer in charge of religious system (6).
- 5 Shanty for young sweeps? (4,7,4.). 6 Use stolen iron to smooth out cloth (3-5).
- 7 Like one joining a non-vol-untary movement, a Continental
- 8 Royal Horse Artillery is a killer in the jungle (4.5).

  13 Doubly qualified old fool the first to eye this woolly creature (9).
- 15 After the battle, almost dis-regard the priest (9).
- 16 Old sailor's ship, half novel submarine (8). 18 Party wear in favour (7).
- 20 Regroup in large formation (7). 21 French dog is perhaps rabid?

Right! (6). Concise Crossword, page 19

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the anguage jungle. Which of the ossible definitions is correct? By Philip Hornard

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DOLIUM

a. A group of alphabets b. A hot gingery spice A association can

s. The thorn-apple

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Answers on page 26

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STRAMONTUM a. A mechanical guitar b. The thorn-apple

rain. Eastern England will be windy at first with a few showers. Otherwise much of England and eastern Scotland will have a bright morning. It will soon cloud over across Wales, Northern Ireland and western Scotland, with outbreaks of rain spreading from the west and on to remaining areas during the afternoon. Windy, especially over Scotland, but mild. Outlook: further rain ABROAD

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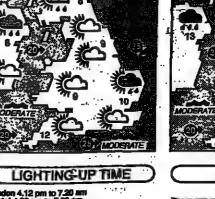
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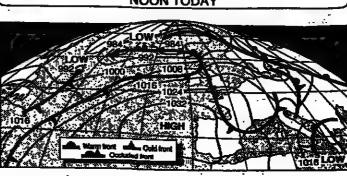
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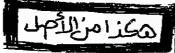
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### BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax 6.30 BBC Dreaklest Nows with Nicholas Witchell and Laurie Mayer 8.50 Daytime UK, Alan Titchnarsh and

Judi Spiers in Birmingham and Adrian Milis in Manchester link the morning's programmes
9.00 News, regional news and weather
9.05 Brainwave. Andy Craig with the
leisure-based quiz 9.25 Dish of the
Day. Coolding hints with Rosemary Moon 9.30 People Today. With three mothers to be

10.00 News, regional news and weather 10.05 Children's BBC, introduced by Simon Parkin, begins with Playdays which comes from Merthr Tydfil 10.25 Pingu. Cartoon series about a cturnsy penguin 10.35 People Today. Kaffe Fessett looks at arbs and

11.00 News, regional news and weather 11.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a discussion on Mr Heastfine's challenge to Mrs Thatcher 11.45 Before Noon. The winner of today's Brainwave quiz is revealed

Cramwave quiz is revessed.

Nows, regional news and weather

12.05 After Noon. Fight the flab with
Rosemary Conley's diet and fitness
club 12.20 Scene Today. Live
entertainment from Pebble Mill 12.55
Regional news and weather

Con O'Clock News with Phillip. 12.00 N 1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip

Hayton, Weather 1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) 1.50 Going for Gold, Quiz show



Patric Doonan (left) and Dirk Bogarde (2.15cm)

2.15 Film: The Blue Lamp (1949, b/w). Classic British bobby film which spawned the long-numing BBC television series Discon of Dock Green. television senes Decon of Dock Green.
With Jack Warner as the kindly,
experienced copper and Dirk Bogarde in
one of his usufy specialities as a
young hoodlum. Directed by Basil
Dearden 3.40 Tom and Jerry
Double Bill

3.50 The Broftys. Animated series retrained by David Snaw Parker 4.05 Clockwise. Fast-moving quiz geme 4,20 Fentestic Max. Carrion 4.35 Maid Marian and Her Merry Men. Return of the award-winning children's control series that cents Maid. comedy series that casts Maid Marian as the real brains behind the

Sherwood Forest gang with Robin as her wimpish sideleck
5.00 Herscound 5.05 Blue Pater fools sheed to Astronomy Week. (Ceefax)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) Northern Ireland: Sportswide 5.40 Inside Ulster

6.00 Sbx O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Hervey. Weather 6.30 Regional News Magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours 7.00 Top of the Pops Introduced by

with Radio 1) 7.30 EastEnders. (Cesfax) 8.00 Tomorrow's World includes a report from Korea on how acoms are being

used to clean heavy metals 8.30 Sinds of a Festiver. Down-to-earth comedy about two sisters whose husbends are spending spells in prison. (Ceelax). Northern Ireland: Spotlight

9.00 Nine O'Clock Hows with Michael Buerk. Regional news and weather \$.30 One Foot in the Grave. Last in about a crotchety older man resentful that he was retired early.

10.00 Your Chemin' Heart. The final episode of John Byme's puzzling comedy drama sees the country-and-western musicians and their hangers on descending on

Aberdeen. (Caetax)
10.50 Question Time presented by Peter
Sissons from Robinson College,
Cambridge. Tonight's guests are
Mary Writehouse, the Sishop of Durham, David Jenkins, and MPs Kanneth Baker and Gordon Brown 11.50 Nearly Departed. Eric title and Caroline McWilliams in the tepid American comedy about two moders ghosts haunling their old house 112.15mm Weather ITY LONDON

6.00 TV-em 9.25 Keynotsa. Musical game show 9.55 Triames News and weather 10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . .

Topical discussion show hosted by Mike 19.40 This Morning. Magazine series presented by Richard Medialry and Judy Finnigan
12.05 The Riddlers 12.25 Home And.

Away. Australian drama about a couple and their foster children 12.55 Thamas News and weather 1.00 News at One with John Suchet,

1.20 The Home Show, Creative and practical ideas for homeowners. presented by Molly Parkin. Including a look inside the private apartments of Lord Lichfield's ancestral home in Staffordshire, and tipe from Roddy Lieweilyn on how to make a small garden look larger 1.50 A Country Practice. Rural Australian scap 2.20 TV Weekly. The first of a new series

of the show that goes behind the scenes at (TV, presented by Anne Diamond 2.50 Talkabout. The game show for quick-thinking couples, hosted by Andrew O'Connor

3.15 News headlines 3.20 Thames News headlines 3.25 The Young Doctors.
More Ausale drama at the Albert

More Aussie drama at the Abort Hamoriel Hospital 3.55 The Raggy Dolls 4.10 Disney's Duck Tales (r) 4.35 Speedy and Daffy

4,40 Jackson Pace: The Great Years. Concluding episode of the comedy

drama about an intrepid explorer in nearch of hidden treasure 5.10 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz for teensgers, hosted by Bob Holness

5.40 Names with Sue Corporator, Weather

5.55 Thernes Help with advice on grants

6.00 Home and Away (r) 6.30 Thames News and weather

7.00 Emmerdale. Topical soap set in the Yorkshire Dales. (Oracle 7.30 Hurray for Today USA: Fancy Calcas and Painted Ladies. The Ret of a new series in which the ebullient Lucinda Lambton explores the

Lucinds Lambton explores the architecture of the United States 8.00 The Bill: Testimony. As a rape victim lies in hospital, DS Roach has a bunch that the obvious suspect may not have done it. But DCI Way wants the case approached scientifically and Roach finds that his judgment is on the line. (Cracle)

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8.30 This Week: Who Leads the Tories?

As Michael Heseltine throws his hat in the ring in the contest for the leadership of the Conservative party.

This Whet commitment the issues and personalities involved. Includes reports from grass-roots Conservative supporters on who they consider to be the most likely to lead the party into the next general election

9.00 Capital City. Many-faceted ensemble drama about a bunch of whiz-lids who work in a London marchant that Assess herically is proportional and a

bank, Among tonight's ingredients are a

tricky bond issue, the threat of staff cutbacks and a pregnancy. A very

watchable series: no financial expertise necessary. (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall and Trevor McDonald. Weather 18.30 Theres Nave and weather 10.40 The City Programme examines the ever-widening opportunities to "punt"

for parmy shares
11.10 01. Includes Derek Malcolm
reviewing the second part of the London
Film Festival and an interview with

metor Richard Gerei 11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Low-budget Australian drama set in a women's detention centre 12.30am A Problem Aired. New series of

the counselling programme in which Dr John Cobb offers advice to people with problems of an emotional nature 1.00 The Concert. Featuring Jagged
Edge rocking at the Town & Country
Club, London, supported by Rhode
Island Red. Followed by News headlines
2.00 Firm Such Good Friends (1971).

Sex cornedy in poor taste starring Dyan Cannon as a woman trying to have an affair after discovering that her husband, who lies ontically it in an intensive care unit, is not the loving, institutu man she believed him to be.
Also stars James Coco and Jennifer O'Neili. Directed by Otto Preminger 4.00 The Invisible Man (b/w). The bandaged hero becomes involved in an international drugs racket (r)

4.30 America's Top Ten (r)

5.00 ITN Morning News with Branda Rows. Ends at 6.00

# BBC 2

8.00 News 8.15 Westminster. A round-up of yesterday's parliamentary proceedings 9,00 Daytime on Two: includes 9.15 Women Mean Business. (Ceefax) 11.00 Dangers in the food we eat 12.05

Volcanic landscapes in Scotland and Northemberland

2.00 News and weather followed by You and Me (r) 2.15 in the Shadow of

and we (f) 2.15 in the Shadow of Fujisan. In this tast of three documentanes Japan's changing withoutes to the sea and its wildlife is examined (r). (Ceefax) 3.00 News and weather followed by Westminesur Live with Viviers White and Brian Curtois 3.50 News, regional 4.00 Call My Bluff. Robert Robinson

chairs a war of words between Frank Muir and Arthur Marshell and their 4.30 Behind the Headines. Jeffery Archer and Paul Boateng with conflicting views on a road pricing system in

which drivers would pay a premium for using congested inner city roads 5.00 Play Snooker. With Dennis Taylor 5.30 Clean State presented by Jackle Spreckley, includes Gail Foley in Dyfed, where she meets English people

vho are not happy being laught in 6.00 Film: Road to Singapore (1940, b/w). Bob Hope and Bing Crosby star in the first of a session of their "Road" comedies. They play two seafaring bachelors who quit town quickly in an attempt to avoid any offers of marriage. Their final destination is an exotic island just south of Singapore, where they made seamount Destination. where they meet seronged Dorothy
Lamour and her envirous, whip-wieldl
lover Anthony Quinn. Wittily directed
by Victor Schertzinger. Wales: DEF if
7.20 Animation Now: Spotting a Cow.
An ecoambic art oritic scrutinises a

7.30 First Sight: Friends in High Places.
Terry Dignan reveals how individuals, companies and organisations can affect law-making. Wales: Open Specs; Northern Ireland: Birds of a Feather; England: East - Second Thought; Midlands: The Midlands Report; Leeds, Newcastle and Manchester: Close-Up North; Southampton: Southern Eye; Plymouth: Western Approach; Bristol: Current Account



The cook's cook: Delia Smith (8.00pm)

■ CHOICE: The practical, nononsense cookery of Delia Smith has long been absent from the screen with the BSC apparently preferring the manic Keith Floyd, the high camp Hudson and Halls, and the gently bickering Roux brothers. Smith is not showbusiness, and works without gimmicks, but she is surely the gimmicks, but she is surely the cook's cook. For her new series she invites us into her Solfoth home for a tutorial on Christmas layre, punctuated by visits to Hamole' food hall and the local ham specialist. As always, she offers basic, straightforward advice, although fike other cookery programmes this one these to over too much the time and structure trains to the the time and anyone trying to take down the recipes will need rapid shorthand. No doubt them will be a book. Tonight she tackles Christmas cakes, hams and pickles. The cakes are calculated to make the simming-

conscious wince. (Cestex)

8.30 Top Geer. The series for motoring enthunicate, presented by William Woollard, Includes road feats on the VW Caravelle and the Toyota Previa 9.00 Herry Enfleto's Television Programme. Another intend-miss election of odd-ball comic

characters 9.30 40 Minutes: A Summer in the Country.

• CHOICE: A report from the

Chantock Hith in Someont near a debate about stag hunting in a wider context of residents venue incomers. The pro-hunting lobby is led by Anthony Trollope-Bellew, whose family have been squires since the Norman conquest, and more humble locals who resent "foreigners" coming in and buying houses their own children cannot afford. The interlopers are represented by John Hicks of the League Against Cruel Sports and a combative former Tory councillor from fires off letters to the press and Hicke massages his confects in television, equire Trollope-Bellew asserts that "stage hunting is the golden thread that has bound our community together for hundreds of years". Presented without commentary, Nick Castiff's fam says most of what it needs to say in

the first len minutes and sometimes struggles to fit the other 30. (Caetan) 10.10 Smith and Jones in Small Deces.

Mel Smith and Griff Rhys Jones star in Anthony Minghella's comic playlet Second Thoughts. Boz, fed up with heiro second at executions in life, let being second at everything in life, is determined to be the first to jump to his death from a newly-constructed bridge. Then Sam arrives on the bridge, anio determined to be the first to jump (r). (Ceefax) 10.30 Newsnight

10.30 Newsnight 11.15 The Late Show. Paul Morley explores the experience of watching all night television in the UK 12.00 Behind the Headlines. See 4.30. Erxls at 12.85am

### CHANNEL 4 6.00 The Art of Landscape. Celming

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9.25 Schoots
12.00 The Parliament Programme presented by Suc Cameron with reports from Nicholan Wooliny
12.30 Business Daily, Financial and business news service
1.00 Sesams Street, Educational fun for pre-school children
2.00 World of Herbs: Seeds. A welcome re-run of last January's series, in which Lesley Bremness explores the versatility of herbs and their use as food, cosmetics, household products and cosmetics, household products and madical remodes. Filmed in and around Lestey's famous Suffolk herb

nursery, which contains more than 200 varieties (r)
2.20 Film: King of Burlengue (1986, b/w).
Bright and lively musical starting Warner
Baxter as a burlesque show
producer in New York's Bowery deciding ies (r) to move up-market to Broads together with leading lady Alice Feye. However, after fame, fortune and marriage to an extravagent society widow, his career and bank bulance head rapidly downhill, to be rescued in the best Hollywood manner by Faye, who gets her men in the end. The production, cast and musical performances make up for the plot's shortcomings. Ofrected by Sidney

4.10 Nature Scenes from the North. A look at the flora and fauna of Lapland 4.80 Filteen to One. Filteen more

contestants are put through their paces by William G. Stewert to find the one who will go through to the final 5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. Oprah's guests are the winners of the Nashville Country Music Awards, who sing Their hits and talk about the inspiration behind their music

5.50 The Adventures of TinTin, TinTin's adventures continue on Black Island (r) 6.00 The Crystal Maze. Richard O'Brien hosts the adventure entertainment game show, with teams attempting to win the "cell games" within the

to win the "cel garres" within the complicated maze (f)
7.00 Chernel Four News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi
7.50 Comment followed by Weether
8.00 The Great Moghula. Bamber
Gascoigne continues his exploration of the rise and fall of the Moghula empire, looking this week at the enigmatic figure of Shah Jahan. Having gained the throne by murdering members of his family, he then built the Taj Mahal as a love monument to his

tile Munitaz (r) 8.30 Cheers. Breezy comedy set in a Soston bar. This week Rebecca, an old college friend of Diana, turns up at Cheers and immediately sets her eights on Sam, much to Diana's indignation. However, the results are somewhat unexpected. (Teletext)



In black and willis: John Berger (R.Otipia)

9.00 Film: Play Me Something (1989). CHOICE: The critic John Berger
fills Channel 4's Thursday night film slot. with an adaptation of his own story about a love affair in Venice between a 40-year-old passant from the countryside and a girl who works in a chamist's stop. Berger also appears

4.00 Choloes (1985): An anti-ebortion-let's wife and unmerried teenage daugh become pragnant. Ende 6.30

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Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

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es navator, telling the tale to a group of passengers waiting to fly from Barra in the Mebrides to the mainland. Berger's Mandst concerns are soon without. The lovers visit a festival organised by the communist organised by the communist newspaper, pay a pointed tribute to Antonio Gramsci, and even in a moment of tenderness look forward to the classless society. But the political content of Berger's story is less striking than the way he presents it, with the central relationship charted in a series of black and white it photographs. The effect is surprisingly powerful, allowing the spectactor to linger on the images in a way that is impossible with moving film

10.30 Guru CHOICE: Achieving the symmetry beloved of documentary film-make Martin Goldsmith presents interwoven profiles of a Catholic missionary and an Indian spiritual healer, both of whom have done a culture swap. Born in north Wales, James Kimpton was a schoolteache before he became a missionary and for the past 16 years has been working the poor of southern India. Born some 80 miles from Kimpton's base. Swami Satchimande was invited to the United States during the hippy era to teach yoga, gave the opening indirem at the Woodstock rock featival and has stayed on to set up a string of yoga institutes, it must be for the viewer to decide whether Kimpton's mission to provide the destitute with the besics of water, housing and actucation is more worthy and necessary that Swami Satchinands's ettempts to persuade well-off Americans to renounce meat, alcohol and tobacco -11.30 A Week in Politica — Late Sitting. Extended lette-night live programme covering all the week's covering at the week's periamentary news. Topping the bill is Mr Hesietine's challenge to Mrs Thatcher. Plus a discussion on political biographies and what can be learnt from them. Endy at 12.55em

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7.05 Third Eer: Finnish conductor
Eng-Pelda Saloner talks in
Michael Hall
7.30 Czech Philharmonic Orchestra
under Gustav Kutin performs
Brucher (Sympnony No II in
C minor)
8.55 Derek Lee Ragin Singa
Schubert, with Julius Drake,
piano. Meered Stille, D 216;
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Dera Unenditchen, D 291; An
dia Laute, D 905; Die Sterne,
D 938; Plantice Lebe, D 138;
Der Jüngling und der Tod, D
S45; Nachtstück, D 672
9.30 In the Shadow of Versalles:
The Death of a Prince. In the
final part of the memors of the
Duc de Sark-Smon, he recalls
the death of the Duc
d'Orlèene, Louis XIV's brother.
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broadcasts Andrew Bell and Julian Jacobson, panos:
Cuarteto Latinamencano; Still Torjessen, sopranto; Endymion Ensemble under Paul Webser 11.00 Dr Jazz: In the third of four programmes on July Roll Morton, Charles Fox examines the penod 1929-30 (r)

11.50 Composers of the Week:
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so wro a mandered man in her bed 9.40 Projector 10.00 He formed You'ne Alone (1980); Future backer are a killer a largest 11.30 Love Calid (1982); A young women becomes pregnant while en prison end fights to have and leep her beby 1.15am Blue Jean Cop (1989); When a comply police officer is shot by a drug dealer, Peter Weller and Sam Elliott team up to solve the sturder

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RADIO 5

6.00am World Service: Newsdesk 6.30

Morring Edition 8.00 Schools 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
for toddlers 10.45 Walling through History

11.00 Sport 11.02 Catzers (as Radio 4) 11.25 The Health Shorr Mensitual problems Telphone 0345 909 693, and 12.00 News, Sport 12.30pm Cult Heroer Mantyn Moreon (1) 1.00

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the News 8.30 Formula Five 9.00 Jane Eyee (part 2) 9.30 Eastern Beez, incl 10.00, 11.00 Sport

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7.00am Teenings Milliant Hero Turbes 7.30 Novik 8.30 Payabout 8.45 Mis Papparpot 9.00 Bewitched 9.30 Wife of the Week 10.00 The Movie Show 10.30 One False Move 11.00 The Debbie Reynolds Show 11.30 31 West 12.00 Time of Your Life 12.30pm The Bold and the Beautiful 1.00 Heartland 1.30 Poice Story 9.30 The Young and the Restless 3.25 Simbed Junior 3.30 Playsbout 3.45 his Physicipher 1.30 Playsbout 3.45 his Physicipher 4.00 Danger Bay 4.30 Yearnage Mutant Hero Turties 5.00 Movit 6.00 31 What 6.30 The Time of Your Life 7.00 Guys in 10st 7.30 One False Move 8.00 His Street Blues 9.00 Pariser Lawis Can't Lose 9.30 Barney Miller 10.00 Portings 10.30 Up Yer Newsi 10.45 Big Deel 11.45 The Movie Show 12.16am Secret Arm 1.15 Continen and

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BSB SPORT 1.25pm Sportsdesk 1.30 Pacing 2.00 NFL Review 3.00 Live Tennis: ATP Tour World Chempionship 6.00 Sportsdesk 8.30 This is the Sports Chemnel 7.80 Sportsdeek 8.00 Sports Chennel Spe-dak Boung: Teimle — ATP Tour World Chengouseho 12.00 Sportsdeek 12.50pm Inside the US PGA Tour 1.00 Res-ing 1.80em Sports Chennel Special

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**BSB POWER** 7.00em Twenty one hours of music

# RADIO 3

6.55em Weather and News Headines (Concerts a due con No 2 in P: English Concert under Trevor Pamock), Ame (Cantata, The Morrang: Parley of Instruments under Roy Goodman) 7-30 News 7.00 Morning Concert: Hendel

Morning Concert (cont): Flevel (La Vellée des cloches: Artur Rubinatan, pano), Dvolilik (Scherzo caprecioso, Op 68: Clevetant Orchestra under Circolard Orchestra under Christoph von Dohnányi); Rechmaninov (Three Russian Songs, Op 41: Royal Concertgebouw Grchestra under Viedmir Ashkenszy); Greg (Lync Suite, Op 54: Gottlenburg, Bymphony Orchestra under Neeme Järvi) Naws.

Orchestra under Neeme Jarvi)
8.30 News
8.36 Composers of the Weelc
Copland. Fentare for the
Common Man (Philadelphia
Orchestra under Eugene
Omsandy); Four Dence
Episodes, Rodeu (English SO
under William Boughton); Old
American Songs, Sel 1 (Peter
Pears, tenor, Benjamin Britten,
piano), Lincoln Portrait
(Philadelphia Orchestra under
Eugene Ormandy, with Adiai
Stevenson, nerrator) Stevenson, narrator)
9.35 Devices and Demice: A

Conces and District A sequence exploring the art that opinional art, intersperts with miscellaneous musical enoice. With music by Strauss, Bach, Janacak, Haydn, Mahler, Reicha, Blacher, Schubert, Brahms, Webern and Monteveroli Carolif Festival 1930. SBC Weish Symphony Orchestra. 11.15 Cardiff Festival 1990. SBC
Welsh Symphony Orchestra.
Linder Taciasil Oreliu, with
Howard Shelley, piano,
performs Strauss (Don Juan,
Op 20), Mozari (Piano)
Concerto No 24 in C minor, K
491; Beetinoven (Symphony
No 7 in A, Op 92), incl
12.10pm Interval Reading
1.00pm News
1.05 Eliminghem Lunchtime
Concert: Live from Studio 1,
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Concert De rom Strato 1, Peoble Mil. The passes Nikolej Dummenko pernyas Bach, er Busoni and Listz (Organ Preludes); Glack, er Sombali (Dance from Oppide et Eurydicet Proteiller (Malons lugstves, Op 22); Franck (Pretude, Chomie and Fugue)
2.10 The Opening of the Walts: With the sid of musical illustrations. illustrations, Jan Smaczny implores Manno'a Creen roots includes the Czech

Dences for two planes, the second provincent of the Second Symphony, and the folk cantata Kytice

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RADIO 4 . . .

5.95 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News; Firmuchi

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9.05 News
9.05 Punters (new series): Valeris
Lighten talks to Susan Merling
about the experience of home
both compared with having a
child in hospital
9.45 Southern Volcas (new series):
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lival in a series of six talks
about the Third World. An
immen academic and femicial,
Hiller Alchar, argues that the
oppression of women in the
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8.00 Analysis: Woods and Trees.
With interest rates, the money supply and the ERM all current issues, Dioter Helm emphises whether we are using the right instruments to measure Eritain's international competitiveness. number of committee of their lear of female security and their lear of female security and their lear of female security of their learners. A future for the Coast? From the Coast coast, Jessica Holm and Fergus Keeling examine the practicalities of coastal zone practicalities of coastal zone resource.

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1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping 2.00 News, Woman's Hour: Includes an interview with fazirion designer Caroline Charles; a discussion on how newspapers deal with rape; and an dem on multipode of 3.00-4.00 Prime Minister's Clustrons (FM only)
3.00 Neve: The Flying Colours (LW only). In Barbara Machin's first play for radio, Mor Leste plays Agnes, a child prodigy. At 16, she is taking her finals at Oxford, and to protect her the transfer at

from the unwanted attentions of a fallow student, for motive

takes her to stay in the country. There, for the first

4.00 News
4.05 Bookshelf with Nigel Forde
4.30 Keleidoscope: Includes
Inviews of the two new
productions of Mecheth; Pe productions of Maccettr, Pesa Livership Device talls amon-his work interpreting theore, and opera for the deet; and there is a review of Dorsid Thompson's biography of novelet and playwright. Henry Fielding (s) 5.00 PM 5.50 Shapping Forecast 5.55 Weather

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7.00 Nows 7.05 The Archess
7.20 Down the River: Cliff Morgan
continues his journey down
the River Tons an Someone (s)

competitiveness
8.45 Does He Take Sugar? The
magazine for people with
deschibles visits the Takened
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9.15 Keletoscope (broadcast 4;
4.50pm) (a)

9.45 The Financial World Tonight
(a) 9.59 Weather

10.00 The World Tonight (a)

10.45 A Book At Bedtime: The
Landlard of "The Loves-Duck" by Stoppy Amonger (b)

Duck", by Stacey Aumonier (1 11.00 Burnt (new series):

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11.50 Today in Parlament
12.00-12.43am News, and 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

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SKY ONE 8.00em intertational Business Report 8.30 Newsine 6.00 The OJ Kat Show 6.45 Panel Pat Poard 10.00 Here's Lucy 19.30 The Young Occision 11.00 Set by Day 12.00 True Confessions 12.30pm Sale of the Century

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7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 The Morning After (1995): An alcoholic morte ster (Jana Fonda) wales a to find a mundared man in her bad
9.40 Projector

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singer fails in love with a naval officer
6.00 Futura Past A computer creates
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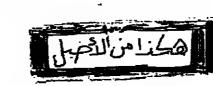
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# Recession is nationwide CBI confirms

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

the country reporting falling output and orders and forecasting further job losses.

The regional results of the CBI's Industrial Trends Survey. published yesterday, show a marked turnround from the last regional report three months ago, when five of the 11 economic regions were expecting rising production. Then. East Anglia, Scotland, the North, the East Midlands and Northern Ireland were all forcasting rising output.

All regions report a decline in new orders in the past four months and expect the trend to continue. The recessionary impact of the decline is not uniform, with the South East and the West Midlands among the worst hit regions, now joined by East Anglia, which has seen its economic performance fall markedly since the last survey.

Optimism is now declining all round, with sharp falls in East Anglia, where a balance of 66 per cent of businesses surveyed believe the overall economic position will worsen. In Scotland the bal-

ALL regions are now in ance is 37 per cent and, in recession, with every area of Northern Ireland and the East Midlands, the figure is 33 per

> The regional figures are breakdowns of the national trends survey, which saw the largest drop in business confidence for ten years, and prompted the CBI both to declare a recession and to call for a further reduction in

Andrew Sentance, the CBI's economic director, said the principal reasons for the regional uniformity were weakened export prospects caused by Gulf uncertainty, widespread stock reductions by companies and further declines in investment spending

Every region reports an

acceleration in average unit costs, with sharp increases expected in East Anglia and Yorkshire and Humberside. The Centre for Dispute Resolution was launched at the CBI in London yesterday. It aims to use American techniques for settling without the expense and delay

of court hearings.

# Insurers plunge as claims rise

By ANGELA MACKAY

INCREASED claims and competition, combined with economic activity, mercial Union and General Accident, the composite in-surers, with the latter reporting a bigger than expected pre-tax loss of £73.3 million for the nine months to end-September, compared with a profit of £137 million in the same period last year.

As a result, General Ac-cident will raise its rates for motor, home and commercial property insurance. The com-pany said its private car rates would rise in January and indicated that homeo rates would go up 10 per cent early next year while commercial property rates were also being increa

Commercial Union re-ported a sharp fall in pre-tax from £110.3 million to £27.2 million, mainly as a result of: underwriting losses caused by storms in January and February. CU is expected to announced premium increases soon.

"While the profit and loss accounts paint a bleak picture, they just start to tell the story," said David Hudson, composite insurance analyst at Barclays de Zoete Wedd. The worst things are found in the balance sheet where shareholders' funds have shrunk alarmingly, which raises the question why the companies are trading at such



Reflecting fall in world markets: Tony Brend, chief executive at Commercial Union

shareholders' funds stood at stesting. £1.71 billion compared with £1.2 billion at the end of September. General Accident

funds plunged from £2.55 billion to £1.5 billion. CU shares dropped 12p to 445p and General Accident fell 3p to 434p.

Tony Brend, the CU chief

executive, said the drop in

a big premium to assets." Mr the fall in worldwide stock Hudson said that at the begin-ning of the year, CU's rency values compared with

"The result reflected a continuation of the downward trend in our UK earnings due claims, a greater incidence of large claims and a continued high level of competition for non-life business," he added. General Accident said its third-quarter British under-

(£77 million loss) was due principally to house sub-sidence, which cost £18 million, and a continued depression in the motor insurence murket.

CU's underwriting loss of to increased subsidence £92.2 million, compared with claims, a greater incidence of a profit of £0.4 million in the large claims and a continued first nine months of last year, was due mainly to the two storms in the first quarter, which cost £40 million, the cost of subsidence claims and writing loss of £88 million the effects of competition.

# **BUSINESS ROUNDUP**

# Gooding expansion will create 500 jobs

AN ANGLO-JAPANESE venture to manufacture electrical parts for domestic appliances and office machinery, such as photocopiers, will give a boost for jobs in South Wales.

Gooding Sanken, which began making switch mode power supply units in South Wales in June, is planning an expansion which will mean 500 new jobs. The company is 51 per cent owned by Gooding Group, a private company controlled by Alf Gooding, the Welsh entrepreneur. The other shares are held by Sanken Electric Company of Japan, which supplies the technology. Gooding Sanken already employs 100 people in South Wales. It plans to take a new 75,000 square foot factory in Cynon Valley, and increase output to 150,000 units a year by 1993.

Clearmark

Rights issue at J. England J. ENGLAND, the food distribution group, is re-structuring its balance sheet with a two for one rights issue at 25p, which will raise £2.9 million. The issue, which will involve creating 12.2 million new shares, will reduce bank borrowings and be used to fund additional working capital requirefell 1p to 24p.

gives warning CLEARMARK Group, the USM-quoted leisure to publishing group, says trading has been difficult since September and it expects "a major shortfall" against the year-end expectation. About 80 per cent of its business is done around Christmas. Clearmark said it has its bankers' support and that the final stage of a restruc-turing will begin this week.

Hadleigh rises 67%

INTERIM pre-tax profits at Hadleigh Industries Group, the storage tank to trailer manufacturer, advanced by 67 per cent to £1.1 million to end-September. Group turnover rose to

£17.5 million (£8.94 million).

Figures benefited from contributions from Ripple, the jewellery display cabinet company bought in April, and Lynton. the lightweight trailer maker acquired last December. The two companies made a combined contribution of £570,000 to operating profits with £5.6 million turnover. Earnings per share are 10.4p (9.1p). The interim dividend is 2.2p (2p).

Setback for **Arthur Shaw** 

THE decline in building activity has taken its toll at Arthur Shaw, the USM window fittings group, Pre-tax profits fell from £559,000 to £235,000 in the half year to end-September on turnover slightly down from £6.49 million to £6.36 million. Earnings per share declined from 4.7p to 2.0p, although the interim dividend is

Dividend cut at Five Oaks

FIVE Oaks Investments, the property group, has cut its final dividend from 1p to 0.4p after reporting pre-tax profits down from an ad-justed \$4.93 million to £657,000 for the year to end-June. This reduces the total from 1.6p to 1p. Turnover dropped from £17.5 million to £9.4 million and fully diluted earnings per share from 8.41p to 3.13p.

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Principal Hotels dips

PRINCIPAL Hotels Group has passed its final dividend after pre-tax profits stipped from £1.46 million to £1.11 million in the year to end-June. The disposal of Dougias Le Mare and the writing-down of assets within the financial services division, with provisions on non-hotel properties and reorganisation expenses, led to extraordinary losses of £6.97 million. There is no final dividend, making a total of 1p (2p). Earnings per share fell from 5.3p to 3.3p. The board plans to recommend total dividends of at least 1p for the culture. to recommend total dividends of at least 1p for the cuyear if profits are maintained.

# **Dunhill** poised for acquisitions

By COLIN CAMPBELL

ury goods group that six months ago boasted net cash of £117.7 million, believes potential takeover targets are coming within its sights.

Sior Pendle, managing director, said: "We have waited a long time for asking prices of branded goods groups to come down to more sensible levels, and the time looks like fast

Dunhill, where Rothmans International has a 55.18 per cent stake, reported pre-tax profits up from £25.7 million to £33.6 million for the six good second half.

Turnover, however, fell from £122.5 million to £118.6 million. The interim divided rises from 2p to 2.6p a share, covered 4.8 times by net carnings of 12.4p a share.

Investment income contin ned to rise on the back of stronger cash balances, though no details are given at the interim stage. Dunhill said trading in its various markets was mixed, but as long as the world economic outlook and the situation in the Gulf did not deteriorate, it should be a

# CE Heath slips to £10.2m

By OUR CITY STAFF CE HEATH, the insurance broker, says interim pre-tax profits to September 30 fell from £10.6 million to £10.2 million, but the group in-dicates that there should be a stronger profits flow in the

Broking expenses increased from £27.5 million to £34.5 million, while worldwide brokerage income rose from £26.2 million to £31.7 million. There was an underwriting profit of £6.5 million (£6.8 million). Investment other income rose from £14.8

million to £16.4 million Group turnover in the six months was £61.2 million compared with £49.5 million

Richard Fielding, the chair-man, believes the turning point has been reached where insurance and reinsurance rates will start to harden: However, while economic conditions have not so far had a material impact on results at the computer services division, sales are being held back by a fall in business

CE Heath is maintaining the interim dividend at 7.5p a share. The shares traded 6p

lower at 421p. The company recently con-firmed it was in talks with Johnson and Higgins, America's third largest broker, with a view to the Americans taking a stake in Heath. Johnson and Higgins is also said to be talking to other British insurance broking groups.

Heath said there had been no fresh developments on which it could comment.

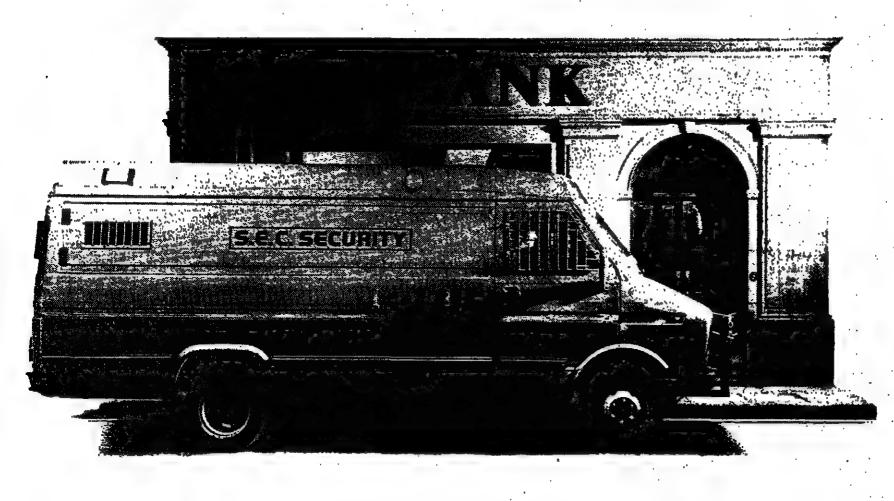
# **ACT** tops £5m in first half

ACT Group, the former computer hardware company which has been transformed into a software group following May's £39 million disposal of Apricot Computers' hardware business to Mitsubishi Electric, reports a surge in half-year profits. Pre-tax profits jumped from £2.02 million to £5.36 million in the six months to end-September.

Turnover slipped from £56.4 million to £46.2 million due to the disposal of the hardware division. Shareholders will receive an interim dividend of 1.25p (0.75p) as well as a 5p special dividend, making a total of 6.25p for the six-month period. Earnings per share jumped from 1.86p to 4.01p. The disposal of the Apricot hardware division led to an extraordinary credit of £14.2 million.

Roger Foster, ACT's chairman, said: "We're extremely cash-strong." The company is sitting on a cash mountain of about £25 million, which will be used for acquisitions in the longer term.

3.95p (3.35p).



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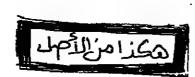
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Whitbread asset value declines

The net asset value at Whitbread Investment Company, the investment trust specialising in brewers, slip-ped to 568.1p a share at end-September compared with 661.2p a year earlier.

Pre-tax revenue advanced from £5.84 million to £7 million in the six months to end-September. Earnings per share rose from 6.93p to 8.32p. and the interim dividend is

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# Pound slumps as markets react to Heseltine challenge



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By ANATOLE KALETSKY SOUNDMIN'S EDITOR

STERLING fell sharply to its lowest level against the mark since midsummer as investors responded with a mixture of dismay and disbelief to Michael Heseltine's challenge against Margaret Thatcher. However, trading volumes remained surprisingly subdued and analysts in London and overseas said that the financial markets had not yet discounted a serious possibility that Mrs Thatcher might cease to be prime minister within the next few weeks. There was no reacton to a Commons statement by John Major, the Chancellor, confirming his comment that the economy was probably in recession.

pfennigs and haif a cent to Swiss Bank Corporation. "Few DM2.8850 and \$1.9605, after falling investors outside Europe know decisively below DM2.90 shortly before Mr Heseltine made his announcement yesterday morning. Share and bond prices were also weak, but traded within fairly narrow ranges. The FT-SE 100 index ended only 10 points down at 2006 0 and all advad wrices fell by 2,046.0 and gilt-edged prices fell by between 1/4 and 1/4 points.

Several analysts predicted that there would be worse to come as the seriousness of Mr Heseltine's challenge sank in among overseas investors. The Japanese in particular were likely to turn into heavy sellers of steding assets if Mrs Thatcher was defeated, they predicted. "As far as the Japanese are concerned.

anything about Heseltine or understand this threat. There could be a hit of panic as the reality sinks in."

David Hale, chief economist at

Kemper Financial Services, a big

money management firm based in Chicago, said: "The fall in the pound so far has simply been a reflection of Timeter's difficulties in managing the British economy.

Nobody is discounting that she might not be prime minister by next week. The chances are that Reseltine would not command the respect of the markets, at least at first. He is almost unknown among investors. If he is remembered, it is as someone who was on the weak side during all the difficult decisions. Thatcher had to take in the 1980s."

Mr Hale and other analysts noted that the pound's decline in the past few days may have been caused less by political factors than by dis-illusionment with the make by sionment with the exchange rate guarantees supposedly provided by

Until last week, DM2.88 was widely considered to be the effective ERM floor for sterling, because this level marked the intervention point against the Spanish pesets. During the past few days, however, the peseta has started falling against the mark and this has reduced sterling's effective floor to below DM2.85.

"The market is gradually realising that the ERM floor is made of elastic. The pound has dragged the peseta down with it and this could continue all the way down to

Adding to the concern about sterling has been a spate of rumours about German pressure for a re-alignment of ERM exchange rates.

Richard Medley, a Washington investment manager and political consultant, said that the German Bundesbank was making it clear that it wanted to revalue the mark, especially against high-inflation ERM currencies like sterling, the lica and the peseta.

At present the concern about German policies and the near-certainty of another interest rate cut in America on Friday is dominating the markets' attention. But by next week, he predicted, the challenge to Mrs Thatcher "is going to take

# Young denies Rover trade-off

By SHEILA GUNN POLITICAL REPORTER

LORD Young of Graffham. the former trade secretary, strongly denied offering special treatment to future applications for state aid by British Aerospace in exchange for buying the Rover car group.

He dismissed suggestions by members of the Commons trade committee that a letter from his office promising BAe applications would be sympathetically considered" proved there was a trade-off between the sale and future government grants.

The letter, signed on his behalf, came to light in July as the committee was finishing its report on the hidden 'sweeteners" offered to BAe when buying Rover. The letter led the MPs to recall Lord Young and Professor Roland Smith, BAe's chairman. Dated July 14, 1988, when BAe was threatening to back out of the sale, it stated that buying Rover would not prevent the company from receiving government funds for other projects. The letter added: "... the government would take fully into account not simply the overall financial position of British Acrospace but also the demands placed upon it by the performance and obligations of the Rover Group businesses".

Lord Young told the committee: "What this letter does is repeat the law of the land. It gives comfort to BAe that they will not be denied help in applying for launch aid for the air frame industry."

BAe is challenging a Euro-pean Commission ruling that over £44 million in illegal sweeteners be repaid by the group. Professor Smith told the committee there was no suggestion of a trade-off. His concern had been that the original terms of the sale would constrain BAe in applying for state aid for other projects. "We needed this sort of comment to be made for the fact that we had taken a very

high-risk decision."

The committee heard that letters from the trade department to BAc about the deal had no reference numbers. The letter discussing sympathetic treatment had to be obtained from BAe because the DTI was unable to pro-

duce its copy. Later, Douglas Hoyle, senior Labour member on the committee, called for Peter Lilley, the trade secretary, to make clear whether he would feel obliged to "treat sympathetically" any applications for grants from BAe.

BROOMBALL returns to the Square Mile next month with many City companies putting up teams to battle at the open air ice rink at the Broadgate development. Helmeted players spend ten minutes slipping and sliding over the ice in teams of four, hitting a ball with a broom. The lucky winners will receive the Taittinger Trophy.

Boots jewel glows with health

spending. Boots' total pre-tax

profits were £162 million, up 1.1 per cent. Sales rose 21.7

per cent to £1,73 billion and

trading profits 26.3 per cent to

The interest charge more than doubled to £26.8 million

because of the £900 million acquisition of Ward White last

mas would be tough but he year. Earnings per share fell expects Boots to take more 4.3 per cent to 11.2p but the than its fair share of the interim dividend goes up 6.5

# The pound declined by two Jim O'Neill, chief economist at **BA** shares hit all-time low after warning

By Graham Searjeant, Financial editor per cent to £2.75 billion.

SHARES: in British Air- 8 ways fell to an all-time low after Lord King, the chairman, warned shareholders that the airline did not expect to make profits in the seasonally weak second half because of the rise in fuel costs and effects of recession.

Despite a strong first-half performance, much better stationary, than other international air Prices are lines, BA shares dropped to 127p at one point, just 2p above their issue price in February 1987. They recovered to 131p later, down 7p on the day.

Unexpectedly, the interim dividend was left unchanged at 2.8p from earnings up 35 per cent to 31.5p-per share. Profits for the first six months to end-September were better than expected, rising 24 per cent to £320 million before tax, on sales up

### Fans of Frank

last-minute rush has brought the number of people registering to buy shares in the 12 electricity distribution companies in England and Wales to more than 7 million. The prices of the 12 will be announced on Wednesday. Comment, page 31

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Operating profit was slightly lower but BA made £43 million from aircraft and other asset sales, compared with £6 million a year ago. in the second quarter, how-

ever, the squeeze was intensified by the rise in oil prices in August, turnover was only 4.6 per cent mo on the year before and pre-tax profits were

sively raised to recover the higher fuel costs but demand has come under pressure on the Atlantic, the Middle East and domestic routes. Customers are also avoiding the polee rises by trading down from Concorde and first class seats to cheaper classes.

The number of sittine pessengers grew by about 8 per cent in the first half although business was not so good after the invasion of Kuwait, which effected less than two months of trading, BA flew 12.3 per cent more passenger kilometres: well ahead of the

industry average, but demand has fallen off rapidly in the past few weeks, usually the worst in the airline calendar, and is now running only about 3 per cent ahead of last year. BA has bought about a

quarter of its fuel forward until the financial year end in March. It will then be exposed to the full effect of increased costs. The price of aviation fuel has risen more steeply than crude oil, trebling at its highest and doubling on average, mainly due to extra military flying and stockpiling, BA also has one aircraft stranded in Kuwait along with some passengers and crew and is not

insured against loss of incom Depending on future fuel price changes, however, Lord King said: "I would not expect to make any significant loss or, indeed, any loss at all" in the second half. BA has embarked on a series of cost-cutting programmes but Lord. King emphasised that BA saw the industry's slump as a

short-term problem that the

company was much better

placed to withstand then most He said: "At this stage, do not expect to follow the lead of some of our competitors in announcing large-scale redundancies, the sale of prime routes, the cancellation or aircraft orders or auctioning of key assets."
The winter half of the year is

normally much less profitable. BA made £86 million pre-tax in the second half of 1989-90. If BA broke even in the second half, its annual profits would fall only 7 per cent.

Sir Colin Marshall, BA's chief executive, said that the possible sale of Pan American's Atlantic routes to United Airlines, BA's former partner, would not have a dramatic effect on BA because only 2 per cent of its transatlantic iraffic was generated through

Lord King said BA would not be deflected from its strategy of global expansion by short-term trading problems. Negotiations are going on to establish Air Russia as a joint venture. BA is still resisting concessions to European Community competition authorities over its link with

Comment, page 31

# **VSEL** warning hints at big job losses at yard

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

at Barrow-in-Furness were to end-September. The order foreshadowed after VSEL, the for a third £500 million Triyard's owner, gave warning of dent nuclear missile subextraordinary costs coming at marine, placed on Wednesda

Nocl Davies, chief exec-ptilion. Talks will begin soon trive, said details of the over the contract for the final cutbacks would not be avail- boat in the series. jobs could be lost from the 13,000-strong workforce by the end of next year. VSEL's restructuring will

result from the review of defence strategy this year. The Birkenhead, where 2,000

BIG job losses at Britain's to £16.5 million, on near-biggest warship building yard static sales of £247.9 million lifts the order book to £3.5

able yet, but one analyst The Barrow yard's work-predicted that 2,000 to 3,000 load is expected to decline rapidly as other warships under construction are completed. Mr Davies said that VSEL, which has no borrowings, will be able to fund the costs of the run-down from company has already put its cash flow. It has high hopes of Cammell Laird shipyard at export orders for its AS90 selfpropelled 155mm howitzer. people work, up for sale and it The shares, up 16p yesterday is optimistic about finding a to 370p, sell at just 4.1 years' buyer. VSEL lifted pre-tax prospective earnings on a interim profits by 36 per cent likely yield of 7.9 per cent.

### interests in £69m deal By MICHAEL TATE DEPUTY CITY EDVIOR THORN EMI is seiling the

Thorn sells

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bulk of its loss-making lamp operations to General Electric, of America, in a deal that could bring in £69 million.

Thorn will transfer most of its European light source interests to a new company in which GE will have a 51 per cent stake, and manage control, and Thorn will hold the remaining 49 per cent.
After three years, GE will

ecquire Thorn's minority holding in the company.

News of the deal accompa nied interim results from Thorn, showing a fall in pretax profits to £96.2 million (£108.1 million).

Group basic earnings per share slipped to 20.1p (23p), but the interim dividend is up to 9p (8.5p). Tempes, page 31

Davy chief goes ROGER Kingdon has resigned as chief executive of Davy, the engineering con-tractor, amid growing institutional concern about the company's future. He is being replaced by Patrick McTighe, deputy chief executive. The shake-up fuelled spec-

ulation that the firm is set to announce a sharp fall in interim profits from £28 million before tax. Shares in Davy fell an additional 4p to 69p, capitalising the company at less than £82 million, compared with £277 million just five months ago. Comment, page 31

# Sir James Blyth, Boots' chief executive, said Christ-Land Secs beats gloom

BOOTS the Chemist, the jewel in the crown of The Boots Company, is weathering

the recession better than nearly any other chain in the high street. The business, which boosted trading profits

by 40.2 per cent to £88 million

in the six months to end-

September, is expecting to

hold up well this Christmas.

with £102m LAND Securities, Britain's biggest property company, has confounded the gloom in the property market with an interim rise in pre-tax profits from £80.8 million to £102.7 million to end-September.

The interim dividend is raised to 5.5p (4.75p). Share-holders were told not to expect a similar increase in the second half. Pre-tax profits are not expected to differ materially in the second half from those earned in the first half. £162.3 million (£130.9 million). Earnings per share increased to 13.24p (10.42p).

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# Japanese go green with the prince

WHILE the Princess of Wales spoke to welders and wheel-changers at a Honda car factory in the suburbs of Tokyo, the Prince of Wales spent his 42nd birthday trying to persuade the leaders of Japanese boardrooms that the world faced doom unless capitalists started caring for

Urging executives from companies such as Sony, Nissan, Toyota, and Mitsubishi to search their souls as well as their balance sheets, he said: "We have failed, in a sense, to renew the relationship between our creator, creation itself and our contract with life. In fact, we, more than any previous generations, have gone in some cases to the extremes of proclaiming that there is no creator with whom to have a relationship. "We tend to behave as if all that needs

to be done is for rational man to go on

only a short step from this approach, I think to the conviction that our salvation hies exclusively in technology.

"Our planet is endangered and somehow we have to recover our emotions about nature and the earth ... Somehow we have to rediscover, as it were, the concept of the knight in search of a life of service and value."

It was the first time that a member of a royal family had addressed senior members of the Keidanren, Japan's CBI, but not the first time that Japanese businessmen had been reminded of their sometimes haphazard concern for the environment. The prince's aim was to beat the dram for the Prince of Wales Business Leaders Forum, a discussion group formed in February in Charleston, South Carolina, with the goal of "a new deal where capitalism takes on a more human expression". The meeting drew being more and more rational. There is more than 100 of the study's leading

man of British Telecom, to T Boone Pickens, the Texan oilman. But the prince has been aware that, without Japanese involvement, the discussion group would lack some powerful voices.

The Keidanren said yesterday that they, too, would nudge their members to join. Young Japanese business leaders also agreed to a proposal by the prince to help entrepreneurs in eastern Europe.

The prince argued for companies to be good corporate citizens because "the activities of businesses in sensitive areas beyond their national shores, such as in the tropical rain forests, in the oceans and in the developing countries, have become a legitimate concern, whether people like it or not, to stakeholders - in other words, a company's customers, employees, suppliers and local communities, as well as financial shareholders -

ULTRAMAR, the diversified 20.8p to 21.4p. On a replaceoil and gas group, has reported strong growth in third quarter carnings, reflecting high levels stockholdings, profits rose of refining margins in North from £21.7 million to £32.9 America triggered by the threat of war in the Guif.

In the three months to the £75.7 million during the first end of September net profits almost trebled from £15.5 million to £44.6 million, while

despite the adverse effects of in underlying dollar earnings. ton and strong Californian Earnings per share rose from wholesale margins more than

ment cost basis, which re-moves the financial impact of million during the third quarter and from £67.2 million to

nine months.

Most of the incresse in third quarter profits was attributed earnings rose from 4.2p a to downstream activities, share to 12.1p. which doubled earnings to Net profits for the first nine £52.5 million. Consumer months of the year were £78.9 prices in eastern Canada and million, against £76.2 million, California were slow to reflect prices in eastern Canada and California were slow to reflect the rise in international prices currency movements that but higher refinery through-masked a 20 per cent increase puts in Quebec and Wilming-

Profits from upstream activities increased from £8.1

million to £10 million after an increase in gas production from 467.8 million cubic feet of gas per day to a record 494.6 million. Third quarter vol-umes of liquefied natural gas from the Botang plant in Indonesia set a re-ord, reflect-ing the build-up of deliveries to Taiwan and additional sales

to Japan.
John Darby, the chairman, said that during the fourth quarter refining margins in California were unlikely to repeat record third quarter



# By MARTIN WALLER REGALIAN Properties, the commercial and residential developer, is believed to have received potential offers of 0.64-acre Kensington Palace sides than \$1.00 million for in site was bought for £22 million of the contract of the internation of

### NINE-MONTHS' RESULTS

The results of the General Accident Group for the nine months ended 30th September 1990, estimated and unaudited, are compared below with those for the similar period in 1989, which are restated at 31st December 1989 rates of exchange; also shown are the actual results for the full year 1989.

It must be emphasised that the results for an interim period do not usually provide a reliable indication of those for the full year.

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Investment Income  NZI Bank Result  Estate Agency Result	314.1 (10.1) (14.8)	340.9 (41.0) (12.6)	462.7 (47.6) (20.5)
Underwriting — General Business Result Long Term Business Profits	(311.1) 14.3	(125.9) 15.5	(203.8) 26.9
Less Interest on Loans	(7.6) 65.7	176.9 39.8	217.7 64.5 5.2
Profit (Loss) before Taxation Taxation - U.K. and Overseas	(73.3) (18.1)	137.1 40.9	147.0 32.1
Profit (Loss) after Taxation	(55.2)	96.2	114.9
Preference Dividends	(2.5)	(13.4)	(13.7)
Long Term Business Profits - OA Life 1988 Valuation	(52.7)	109.6	128.6 9.5
Net Profit (Loss) attributable to Shareholders	(53.7)	109.6	138.1
Earnings per Ordinary Share	(12.3p)	26.0p	32.6p
Principal exchange rates used in translating overseas results U.S.A. Canada	\$1.87 \$2.16	\$1.61 \$1.87	\$1.61 \$1.87
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Notes

(1) Under a Scheme of Arrangement sanctioned by the Court of Session under Section 425 of The Companies Act 1985 and effective on 5th July, 1990 the shareholders of General Accident Fire and Life Assurance Corporation pic received for each share then held, two new shares of 25p each fully paid in General Accident pic.

(2) Investment Income excludes £8.2m (1989 £9.4m) representing amortisation of U.S. deep discount bonds which under the U.S.A. accounting conventions would be applied to each size.

be credited to earnings.

(3) The NZI Bank result includes gains and losses both realised and unrealised on

investments held for trading purposes.

(4) The transfer of shareholders' profit from the long term business fund is stated gross

of taxation and on a current year basis.

ANALYSIS BY TERRITORY OF GENERAL BUSINESS PREMIUM INCOME AND UNDERWRITING RESULT

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	Fremain	Under writing	Premium	Underwriting
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U.K.	877.9	(130.0)	784.1	25.5
U.S.A.	648.3	(63.4)	691.2	(70.2)
EEC other than U.K.	126.5	(35.2)	132.1	(20.3)
Canada	271.7	(9.7)	283.1	(6.3)
Pacific	246.7	(39.1)	268.6	(10.6)
Other Overseas	76.7	(13.6)	74.1	(1.1)
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incl. Internal Reins.	88.7	(29.1)	99.7	(42.9)
	2,336.5	(311.1)	2,333.6	(125.9)
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Net written premiums increased in sterling terms by 0.1% while investment income fell by 7.9%. Adjusted to exclude the effects of currency fluctuations, the increase in premiums was 8.4% and the reduction in investment income, which continued to reflect the impact on cash flow of higher claims costs, was 1.1%.

In the third quarter there was a worldwide underwriting loss of £88.0m [1989 £77.0m loss] with losses in the United Kingdom of £35.5m [1989 £6.4m profit] and in the United States of £18.2m [1989 £36.3m loss]. Elsewhere there were aggregate underwiting losses of £34.3m [1989 £47.1m loss]. The pre-tax loss for the quarter amounted to £5.4m [1989 £15.1m profit].

For the nine months there was an underwriting loss of £130.0m [1989 £25.5m profit] in the UK. The Homeowners' account produced a loss of £28.0m [1989 £10.6m profit] having been adversely affected by the cost of severe weather in the first quarter and by the cost of subsidence claims particularly in the third quarter. The Commercial Property account continued to suffer from weather related claims in the first quarter and from an increased incidence of large fire losses to produce a loss of £40.7m [1989 £13.0m profit] for the nine months. The Motor account produced a loss at the third quarter of £40.7m [1989 £3.0m profit] for the nine months. reflecting a continued increase in claims frequency and average cost of claims.

The Liability account deteriorated in the third quarter. In the United States, net written premiums were \$1,212m [1989 \$1,113m] with an operating ratio of 109.38% as compared with 109.89%. On the United Kingdom accounting basis the underwriting loss was £63.4m [1989 £70.2m loss]. In the third quarter Commercial lines performed better than in the second quarter while Personal lines reported a deterioration. Both performed better than in the equivalent period last year which was adversely affected by losses arising from Historian (Historian).

Cauada continued to produce a good result and reported an underwriting profit of £0.2m [1989 £1.5m loss] in the third quarter and a deficit at the nine months of £0.7m [1989 £6.3m loss].

Elsewhere there were aggregate underwriting losses of £117.0m [1989 £74.9m loss] with most territories reporting increased losses. Results in Europe and Pacific continued to reflect the impact of bad weather, most noticeably in Australia where storm losses persisted into the third quarter. Experience in the London Market gives some cause for concern.

New annual premiums for life business in the United Kingdom for the first nine months of 1990 were £38.6m [1989 £38.4m] and single premiums £36.9m

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# War risk lifts Ultramar | EC aims to remove barriers in satellite competition

Regalian project attracts interest

THE European Commission has announced an initiative to open up the European market for satellite communications. Filippo Maria Pandolfi, the science commissioner, yes-terday disclosed plans in his green paper to abolish all exclusive rights which cur-rently stifle cross-border competition in satellite television.
In future, it should be possible to obtain and use satellite dishes for direct reception, notably of television, without

any restrictions." The move could clear the way for Britain's satellite broadcasting industry, the big-gest in Europe, to expand more smoothly oversess, but it could also encourage foreign competitors to challenge their British rivals more vigorously

Signor Pandolfi admits one

Kensington Palace Gardens

luxury flats project, probably the most prestigious residen-tial scheme in the country.

David Goldstone, the chair-

man, said four approaches

from overseas buyers had been received for the dev-

elopment, which is opposite

Kensington Palace, home of

the Prince and Princess of Wales, and two sets of negotia-

tions had reached an ad-

vanced stage before they broke

Regaliza was announcing

pre-tax profits little changed at £5.23 million (£5.51 million)

for the six months to end-September and an interim

dividend maintained at 1.5p.

Most of the earnings came

from interest from the group's

cash balances. Gross profit of

£2.04 million went on admin-

istrative expenses of £2.41

million, while net interest receivable totalled £5.69 mil-

lion. The group capitalised £6 million of interest payments.

aim is to boost the sale of sate-line dishes, which he says are transforming traditional methods of television transmission. They provide satellite operators with 46 per cent of their Community revenue, according to EC estimates.

The green paper will also spawn specific directives to open up access to the use of satellites themselves. Some national safeguards will still he tolerwed to avoid harmful interference and guarantee the

and personal privacy.

Companies selling satellite services will be guaranteed ity through contracts with satellite controllers. They will not be stopped from sending

that year, with the intention of building 20 hoxny flats.

proaches or how much the

potential buyers were pre-

pered to pay. But given the flats have a combined retail

price of about £120 million.

once completed, it is thought

unlikely that Regalian would have considered offers for

One approach is believed to

have come from Middle Eastern interests looking for a base in London. Another is thought

to have originated in Japan. This was the most recent approach, with talks breaking

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Regalism hopes shortly to

obtain planning permission for its Bishopskridge project next to Paddington station in

building, and it would justify a substantial sum of money,"

much less then that.

down four weeks ago.

Mr Goldstone raid.

Mr Goldstone would give no further details of the ap-

it will help the burgeoning market in very small aperture terminals to flourish. Com-panies use VSATs to send and receive information on their

Car distribution networks. for example, will enjoy faster communication between other Companies will be put in closer contact with their subsidiaries, too, when restrictive national laws and practices disappear.

He claimed, however, that

the EC's segmented and chaotically regulated market in satellite communications is lagging up to 30 years behind Enrope's grip on the technol-

European satellites and equipment can be up to 33 per

vices and lower prices, Signor their American rivals. Euro-Pandolfi said. "In particular, pean makers have "practically Europe holds 20 per cent of the \$6 billion global market in

> In step with plans to create a level playing field for greater compension on the European market, Brussels will ensure that all 12 countries can accept each other's licensing and type-approval procedures.
> When the prom page conceptor broader discussion, governments and industry will be asked to define one set of Community standards to cament and techniques.

will benefit from better ser- cent more expensive than no impact on the growing world market, in spite of their technological lead. "second generation" satellite systems, but the commission

hopes to see this double for the latest reneration.

**Bad debts** squeeze electronic company

By OUR CITY STAFF BRITAIN'S largest electronic components distributor, Elec-trocomponents, said that the weaker economic climate "inevitably led to increased bad debts" and that interim results suffered by £500,000 because of higher bad debt write-offs. Group interim results at £24.7 million pre-tax to end-September compared with

223.9 million previously also reflect significant, but not disclosed, losses within its lighting division. The size of the losses should be evident when full year accounts are Destriction.

Turnover was £194.5 million (£190.7 million). Because of the group's strong operating cash flow, the interim dividend is being raised from 1.7p to 1.8p a share.

Sir Keith Bright, chairman, says market conditions coninue to be depressed - more in Britain than elsewhere and while the core business continues to make progress, overall results will be affected by demand level in the British market.

certain American assets on

The group's legal action against STC alleging infringement of copyright "continues to wind its way through the courts". The group spent £42 million on acquisitions and capital expenditure during the half year, Gearing at September 30 was 25 per cent.
The shares traded 13p lower on results at 180p.

### Jessups profits fall to £1.38m

PRE-TAX profits at Jessupe the Essex motor dealer, fell to £1.38 million (£2.8 million) in the year to end-August on turnover shead at £100.8 million (£97.7 million). Operating profits slipped to £4.93 million (£5.37 million) but interest payments rose to £3.55 million (£2.56 million).

Earnings per share plunged from 18.7p to 6.93p, with fully diluted earnings down from 17,65p to 8.41p. The final dividend is kept at 4,75p, making an unchanged total of 7p. The shares lost 5p to 54p.



Trophy building': David Goldsto

# **Creditors** call for liquidation

Eastern Air Lines are urging the judge handling the carri-er's bankruptcy case to begin dation" of the airline.

of Eastern

The creditors' committee said Eastern's losses had far exceeded projections by Martin Shugrue, the airline's court-appointed trustee.

The creditors include banks, Eastern's unions and the manufacturers of aircraft and engines such as Airbus Industrie, in which British Aerospace has a stake. They have urged Burton Lifland, the New York bankruptcy judge, not to allow Mr Shugrue to withdraw any more money from Eastern's escrow fund to keep the airline operating. The fund has \$257 million left.

The creditors urged a liquidation even though they had been warned by Mr Shugrue that they could end up with none of what they are owed. A liquidation of Eastern could cost \$500 million to \$600

The creditors said Mr Shugrue had forecast in June that losses to end-October would total \$197.1 million, when they have, in fact, totalled \$370.8 million.

Mr Shugrue had estimated that \$200 million would be needed from the fund to help keep the airline operating until the end of December

Including the latest request, he has sought \$300 million.

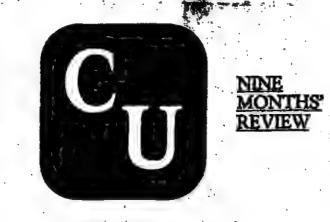
Mr Shugrue said Eastern was winning back business travellers and that it should be able to tap its reserve for \$30 million this month and \$40 million next to keep operat-ing. He predicted the airline would break even by March.

Trans World Airlines reported a net loss of \$14.7 million for the third quarter, compared with a \$29.9 million loss last time. TWA's revenues were \$1.34 billion, up from \$1.27 billion. TWA reported a \$58.8 million operating profit, compared with \$60.7 million in 1989. (New York Times)

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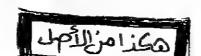
# Pre-tax profit £27.2m

- ★ Life profits increase 13% to £74.5m with strong new life premium growth of 31%.
- ★ Results affected by first quarter storms costing £55m and property subsidence claims of £23m.
- ★ Operating profit before taxation £27.2m (1989 £110.3m).
- ★ Total premium growth 11% but non-life insurance markets remain competitive.
- ★ United States improves to a profit of £7.6m (1989 loss £30.2m).

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	9 months 1990 Unaudited	9 months 1989 Unaudited
Total premium income	£2,699.9m	£2,546.3m
Operating profit before taxation	£27.2m	£110.3m
Operating profit after taxation	£16.5m	£60.7m
Earnings per share	3.9p	14.4p
Shareholders' funds	£1,221m	£1,609m



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no fresh developments on which it could comment. and the interim dividend is 3.95p (3.35p).

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any of the world's Commercial airlines are likely to go bust in the next couple of years unless the Gulf impasse is resolved. The industry is moving into a slump induced by the slowdown in world economic growth, affecting business and leisure travel, so the rise in oil prices cannot be recovered. Prices can be raised, but the benefit is lost in discounting and customers find the seats are not so bad in economy class.

British Airways is doing much better than most of its competitors. The generally successful United, which was also ahead of the bunch, managed only a 5 per cent rise in group profits for the six months to end September compared with BA's 24 per cent. Even for BA, however, business

will be dire in the winter season. If BA's prediction that it will break even in the second half is born out - which depends almost entirely on what happens to the oil price — that could cloak a £160 million downturn in trading, rather more than the rise in the fuel bill. Last year, BA made £86 million in the off

# British Airways hits turbulence

season including £25 million from aircraft sales. Aircraft sales were expected to yield £60 million this time, implying a swingeing operating loss if that is still the case.

This is no time for investors in BA to panic, however. The shares fell back to within pennies of the 125p launch price yesterday mainly because of City disappointment that the relatively insignificant interim dividend was not raised.

Lord King, the chairman, is one of the old school who treats the dividend as a signal, rather than believing shareholders' income in a volatile business should rise through thick and thin. The company is about to go into negotiations with staff and ask them to take some of the pain through minimal wage increases.

If BA does break even in the second half, its shares at 131p would sell at about 5 times diluted 1990-91 earnings. On an unchanged dividend, they would COMMENT

yield 9 per cent. BA's finances are complex but still about the soundest in the industry. Last year's convertible bond issue was not needed for its original purpose of financing BA's share of the aborted UAL buyout, but it has come in handy.

After the cost-cutting exercise, Ian Wild of BZW reckons BA could make about £250 million pre-tax next year, which should not threaten the dividend. But that depends on the conventional assumption of an average oil price of \$25 per barrel, compared with nearly \$34 today. There will be intense pressure if war leads to another price spike but sustained high oil prices would be worse. The saving grace for BA is that

competitors such as Pan American and TWA are much weaker. Big bankruptcies or cuts in services would lead to a fall in

capacity and higher market share for BA, though the aircraft market could go into a tailspin.

The trickiest decisions for Lord King and Sir Colin may be to resist some of the opportunities the industry slump will bring for acquisitions and expansion on top of existing ambitions plans. Sound finances can easily disapppear if BA is too keen to pick up the pieces.

Power points

uring a fallow fortnight for electricity analysts before impact day for the 12 regional distributors next Wednesday, Nigel Hawkins at Hoare Govett has come up with a brave but intriguing study of the relative availability of the shares around the country.Mr Hawkins,

one of the few independent stockbrokers, assumes, analogy with the water float a year ago, that about half the shares will go to the retail public. He is looking for yields to average 8.5 per cent and range from 8.1 per cent for the most attractive distributors to up to

9.2 per cent at the other end. Research into earlier privatisations showed that takeup varies enormously from area to area. At the top of the range, 18 out of every 100 households in London and the South East go for privatisation issues. That figure drops to 7 per cent participation in Yorkshire and Humberside.

Factoring in this participation rate would produce a wide variation in likely local demand for the 12 distributors compared with their size, If the popularity of privatisation issues varies widely across the country, so does the relative size of the distributors, and the two do not match. In Seeboard's area.

covering the prosperous south coast, just £409 would have to come from each participating household to absorb all the company's shares. That figure rises to a surprising £1,754 in Yorkshire. Second highest is Northern, with Midlands Electricity not far behind.

The government must take into account the different levels of likely retail demand in each region, based on past experience. when it sets the yield for each company. Yorkshire, therefore, can expect to see itself moved up the range of yields purely for this reason giving investors a better

The implication is clear Those investors wanting to fish further afield than their own regional electricity company should take a view on the success of the power float as late as possible. If it looks like going swimmingly, Yorkshire, Northern and Midlands are where the spare stock should be, while there is little point competing with the burghers of the south coast towns for their slice. If it all looks like coming to grief, avoid Yorkshire

### THOUGH stranger things have happened, it is in-conceivable that Sir Ralph Halpern will not relinquish his executive role at Burton Group when the fashion retailer announces its financial results today, finally bowing to institutional pressure that was first brought to bear

almost a year ago. Sir Ralph has fiercely resisted attempts to oblige him to split the roles of chairman and chief executive, but ul-timately all that remained to be negotiated were the terms of his settlement,

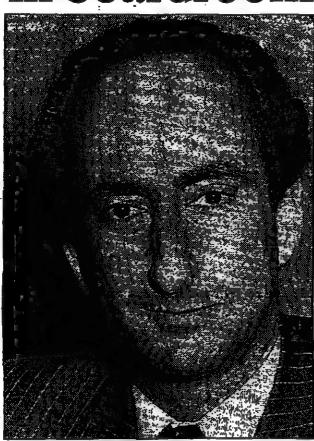
Pension funds, insurance companies and other financial institutions, anxious to protect the value of their investment in a volatile stock market, have become increasingly militant and were not to

Several leading executives have felt the sharp edge of this new-found militancy in recent weeks. Roger Kingdon re-signed as chief executive of Davy Corporation, Britain's largest independent engineering contractor, yesterday to be replaced by Patrick McTighe,

Institutional discontent with the company, whose shares have collapsed from 262p earlier this year to 69p yesterday, is believed to have played a key role in persuading Sir Alistair Frame, chairman since January, to implement major changes in the boardroom. With a market capitalisation of less than £83 million, Davy finds itself in dispute with two clients over contracts worth more than difficulties with cost overruns in another two projects. With one of Britain's leading engineering companies effectively on the auction block at a knockdown price, institutions argued that responsibility for recurring problems should be borne at the highest level.

Bunzi and Cookson Group are two other industrial groups who have been put under the institutional cosh. Bunzl's James White refused to agree to split the roles of chairman and chief executive and was left with no option but to resign after leading shareholders insisted that too

# Institutional hawks show their talons in boardroom



Under pressure: Sir Rainh Halpern, of Burton Group brought to book by institu-

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But in many cases, institu-

impact on companies.

much corporate power was held in one pair of hands. Cookson insisted that institutions played no direct role in the resignation of Michael Henderson as chairman and chief executive, but the company was friendless in the City after its shares dived from 378p to 80p in little more than a year and the pressure for change became intense.

Executives who have been

numerous occasions before showing signs of life. In the notable case of Burton, Sir Ralph first incurred their wrath over a remuneration package which looked overgenerous when trading conditions were evidently turning against his company. Protests forced some compromise from the Buruon board but Sir Ralph continued to hold formidable authority within the Cookson's difficulties can be traced back over at least 18 months yet institutions were apparently happy to sanction

tolerant and been prodded on

the appointment of Mr Hen-derson, then just chief executive, as chairman upon the retirement of him Butler.

Institutions may appear to have turned hawkish in recent weeks, but two clear signs that they were ready to play a more active role in executive decisions emerged in mid-1989 and were unwisely ignored by board members who had, perhaps, underestimated the depth of the current recession and how it would focus shareholders' minds on the value of their investments.

In the first instance, Sun Life led City institutions in a successful attempt to secure better terms from Magnet, the kitchen furniture and do-it-yourself group, for holders of convertible presenged shares during the £629 million bayour. Sun Life, which held 10.4 per cent of the convertibles. per cent of the convertibles, sought, and achieved, a larger cash element to supplement replacement preference shares of doubtful value. Sun Allian effort to block the buyout altogether, but failed.

Last December, John Ritblat was forced to abort plans to restructure British land, the property group, after institutions led by Legal and General objected to terms which would have netted him, were quite happy to take a his family and senior managers up to £56 million.

back-seat role as long as the As corporate health deterifinancial picture was bright. orates further, it seems certain At the first hint of trouble, it is that pension funds and insurclaimed, institutions react by seeking major changes which ers will seek, and obtain, greater influence in the boarddo not always have a positive

MARTIN BARROW

# Light relief at Thorn

TEMPUS

ON THE basis that any deal over Thorn EMI's lighting division was better than none, news that terms had been agreed with General Electric was well received by the market, although the strength in the share price owed something to a dividend increase that had not been universally expected.

Only time will tell whether a E69 million return on the lousmaking lamp manufacturing third of the operation is preferable to receiving £300 million for the entire lighting division, but there is a nagging suspicion that the Americans

have the better of the deal. What seems cermin is that the deal will have no material impact on this year's profits or balance sheet. The initial payment of £28.5 million will scarcely dent the £450 million

deta pile.

Light sourcing losses drag-ged the division £1.2 million into the red in the first six months, against profits of £10.2 million, and it will be surprising if any of the lost ground can be reclaimed in the second half.

Elsewhere, tight household budgets have dimmed the rental and retail side, and profits are down from £62.6 million to ES2.4 million, while technology just failed to last year's £21.5 match :

As management wrestles with restructuring problems in dividend rose 6.5 per cent to these areas it will take heart from the success of the music division. Though not immune from recession, the heavy spend on improving the balance of the group's portfolio of artists, has struck paydirt, in

the shape of a 50 per cent surge in profits to £49.6 million. Without sweeter sounds from the economy in general Thorn will fall well short of last year's profit, and will do well to top £300 million, for earnings of 62p, little more than a tenth of the 608p share price. Little to go for in the short term.

**Boots** 

THE City resisted the urge to say "if only" to Boots yesterday, but there was no getting away from it. If only Boots had warted to buy Ward White, if only it had paid less for the Halfords, Payless and AG Stanley group, its image in the City would be stronger.
The Ward White figures in

Boots' interim results do not make happy reading but the City was prepared to forgive Sir James Blyth, chief exec-ntive, because of the stunning performance from Boots the Chemist where profits rose by 40.2 per cent to £88.2 million.

Boots' overall pre-tax profit

for the six months to end-September was £162 million, up 1.1 per cent, and ahead of many City forecasts. Sales rose 21.7 per cent to £1.73 billion and trading profits rose 26.3 per cent to £188 million. Earnings per share fell 4.3 per cent to 11.2p and the interim

Halfords was the biggest disappointment with profits in the first half of £2.6 million on sales of £140 million. Payless, now merged with Do It All, made profits of £5.8



Boots polish: Sir James million on sales of £88.1

million. AG Stanley, the home decorating chain, performed well with profits of £5.9 million on sales of £58.9

The pharmaceutical di-vision increased profits by 13 per cent to £61 million and Boots Opticians doubled profits to £2 million. The loss at Children's World has fallen from £4.1 million to £2.9

Gearing is only 22 per cent and the group is expected to make around £370 million for the full year, putting the shares, up 3p at 316p, on a p/e ratio of 13. They are worth holding for the longer term.

Land Securities

LAND Securities may be the beliwether stock of the properry sector, but that has not stopped it outperforming both that sector and the market as a

In May the company announced a rise in asset values despite the slump in the market. Yesterday it apparently defied gravity again with a 27 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £102.7 milhon for the six months to end-September and a 16 per cent rise in the interim dividend

But there are clear indications that the run may be coming to an end. Even the most optimistic of the company's City followers expect a fall in NAV at the year end, while some of the bears say the slump could be as much as 15 per cent.

Land Securities itself concedes that asset values have aiready failen this year, while telling the market not to expect a corresponding profits increase in the second half The first balf jump was largely due to a £30 million-plus increase in rental income coming out of a series of timely rent reviews.

More seriously, the company suggests that the problems in the property industry have affected some of the growth in future reversionary income. Much of the rise in the share price this summer has been because of the perception of Land Securities as a safe stock in difficult times. The company's cautious line on borrowings and refusal to capitalise interest payments have helped it avoid the difficulties of some of the

Pre-tax profits for the current year will be about £205 million, but the NAV could drop as far as 740p, if the bears are right. At 521p, the upside for the shares looks limited.



CITY DIARY

# Oil analysts

ONLY a month after poaching two of the City's top oil analysts from Hoare Govett, Société Générale Strauss Turnbull is scouting for talent. For Mark Roberts, global oils analyst at the firm since April 1989, has decided to try his hand at public relations. Roberts resigned on Tuesday, just days after John Toalster and lrene Himona joined from Hoare Govett, but he insists the move has been planned for some time, "I like the idea of representing clients and easing their way into the City," says Roberts, who joins College Hill Associates, the investor relations company, early next month. "My clients will include Clyde Petroleum and Ranger, and I will also be covering natural resources."
This is the fourth career change in ten years for Roberts, who was a geophysicist in Saudi Arabia before joining County NatWest as a marketmaker in 1986. With Hoare Govett and SGST both seeking replacements, the shrinking band of oil analysts are well placed to name their

in demand

Camera-shy

value decision

SIR James Blyth, the chief executive of Boots, has a reputation as a snappy dresser. But these days he seems to have become camera-shy. Photographers who arrived at The Brewery in Chiswell Street for the group's results yesterday morning were told

required. The company, it appears, had decided to photograph Blyth with Sir Christopher Benson, the new chairman, outside a Boots store in Nottingham, to have something to be distributed on the day. But in the finest traditions of Fleet Street, at least two snappers decided to try their luck. "We had to turn them away," says a public relations adviser, who adds that the meeting proceeded smoothly enough. Blyth, who earned £383,000 last year, turned down a photocall before the meeting, and refused to let photographers inside. Analysts present seemed more interested in the ranks of policemen who gathered outside the venue - not, it seems, to keep out the press, but because Chris Patten, Secretary of State for the Environment, was due in the area.

SVAM to close Scrimgeour Vickers Asset



ent stockbroking arm of the former Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers, is to close with the that their services were not

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loss of 65 jobs. SVAM was one of the last remaining divisions of Citicorp Scrimgcour Vickers, which was closed by Citibank, its American parent, in January. But negotiations are in hand to sell SVAM and up to half the employees may be kept on as part of any package. The news may sur-prise few in the City, who have seen steady job cuts by the financial and banking corporation since 1988, when Citicorp pulled out of the gilts market. Two weeks ago, Citibank announced it was to pull out of research, sales and marketing in its European was no point in carrying on the private client side," says one insider, who adds that the firm has no plans to pull out of M&S to rescue fund management, one of its strong points.

STICKER on the bumper of a worn-out mini, seen near the Bank of England: "Don't laugh - your daughter might be in here."

Test for Samuels

ANGUS Samuels, the former chief executive of the Stock Group, and architect of the break-up that followed the collapse of British & Commonwealth, its parent, is back in the market. In a new test of his management skills, he has joined Credit Suisse Buckmaster & Moore to head the

envone in the City, we are keen on recruiting good people," says Samuels, who worked for Fergusson Bros, Johannesburg stockbroker, before joining House Govett in 1986, and now hopes to expand the CSB&M operation. "The B&C affair left us with no option but to break up the group, and we split the business between James Capel and Flemings." After a brief handover period with Capel, Suisse, and now reports to Harry France, the group's chairman. The group has also hired Roger Broakhouse, for-Lloyds Investment Manage-Equities and UK Growth ment International, to run its Companies divisions. "There new international fund manment International, to run its agement division.

HELP is on hand for those

who work in the City but whose culinary skills do not quite match their ambittions. Stockbrokers keen to impress at dinner parties but who lack job themselves will be able to cheat when Marks and Spencer's 16,000 so fl food ball opens at the Finsbury Circus end of Moorgate next March M&S has already had some success with its men-only clothing store in the City, tempting fund managers away from the shops they usually use, but the new store will be its first food outlet within the Square Mile.

JON ASHWORTH

# LAND SECURITIES

**INTERIM RESULTS TO 30 SEPTEMBER 1990** 

Sound progress in a difficult market Rental income increased by £31.4 million to £162.3 million

Pre-tax profit up 27.1% to £102.7 million Interim dividend increased by 15.8% to 5.5p

Pre-tax profit for the half year to 31 March 1991 is not expected to differ materially from this half year

Extracts from the Review of the Group's Activities:

All completed office developments are now fully let with the exception of 68,000 sq. ft. in one City building. Good progress has also been made in pre-letting new developments currently under construction.

The present problems of the property industry generally have resulted in weakening investment yields and reduced rental expectations which have affected capital values and some of the growth in future reversionary income.

Despite this, the Company will benefit from the considerable additional income which has still to flow from reviews and renewals in the next year or two. In addition, substantial further income will flow from developments which have been let but are not yet income

The developments under construction, including those which we have started recently, are all situated in proven locations and are being built to our high standards. With these qualities the buildings should let readily and generate further income in due course

The Company concentrates on long term fundamental principles to maximise the income from the portfolio; it is from increased income that potential for growth in dividends and capital values will be derived.

> A leaflet setting out the Interim Results and the Review is being despatched to the Shareholders. A copy may be obtained from the Secretary,

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TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

Eurotunnel issue may be left with underwriters EUROTUNNEL'S mil-paid shares fell sharply, raising fears that the bulk of the

group's recent £590 million

rights issue would be left with the underwriters.

The nil-paid, equivalent to

three ordinary units, slumped 50p to 118p, while the or-dinary fell 23p to 320p. Deal-

ers have reported French selling of the shares and claim

that institutions in the City are

also giving them a wide berth.

The rights issue was heavily discounted and included a

number of free concessions

designed to attract private

But, according to Ian Wild.

an analyst at BZW, this tactic does not seem to have worked.

to attract the institutions.

They will be happy to get out

after picking up their under-writing fee as quickly as possible. They do not want to

trade in the shares. The whole

future of the project is far too

It will be another three

weeks before the extent of the

take-up is known, but further

weakness in the price could be

the signal for the underwriters to pick up the tab.

political worries and another

nervous performance by the pound. Turnover was at a low ebb with fewer than 350 million shares traded. Not

even an opening rise on Wall

Street could encourage fund

managers and the FT-SE 100

index fell 10.0 points to 2,046.0. The FT index of 30 shares lost 10.4 at 1,583.2.

Gold shares remained dull with the FT gold mine index slipping 0.6 to 161.7, a low for this year. Government securities continued to mirror ster-

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A bear squeeze lifted Rev-

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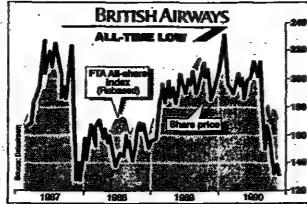
tion group, by 24p to 652p. The group gave a presentation for analysts in the City this

week and Goldman Sachs, the

New York: Dow Jones .... S&P Composite

The rest of the equity

uncertain."



STOCK MARKET

was believed to have been a buyer overnight in New York. Talk of stake-building by Hong Kong Land lifted rson A by 10p to 580p after touching 590p.

group fell 18p to 466p, after briefly touching 458p, in the wake of downgradings by BZW and UBS Phillips & profit estimate for the current

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year by £5 million to £115 million and is forecasting £135 million for next year. Jinty Price, an analyst, says that the downgrading reflects a further deterioration in the sector producing chemicals for the construction industry.

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tion industry have also forced. UBS to cut its forecast for Blue Circle Industries, down 7p at

In the food sector, BZW has

Dalesty, the Spillers food group, by £3 million to an unchanged £118 million for the year to next June. A figure of £127 million has been Meanwhile, the clearing

hanks have again come under fire after a downgrading of profits by UBS. Barclays Bank cased 2p to 346p, Lloyde 7p to 270p, and Midhad 2p to 188p. Only National Wester made headway, adding 2p to 262p.

British Airways went into a mosedive, falling 8p to an all-time low of 130p after Lord King, the chairman, gave a warning that the group would fail to make a profit in the second half-year. He said that second half-year. He said that price increases had failed to keep pace with heavier fuel costs. The warning came as the group revealed first-half pre-tax profits of £320 million against £259 million last time,

sector was brought down to earth with a bump as Commercial Union weighed in with a set of third-quarter figures far worse than any City estimates. Pre-tax profits were down from £110.3 million to 27.2 million. The group blamed the continuing downward trend on subsidence claims, a greater incidence of competition in a slowing coonomy. Subsidence claims totalled £23 million in the first nine months and show no signs of slowing. The CU share price, which enjoyed a late speculative run on Tuesday after Société Générale emerged with a 3 per cent stale, finished 12p lower at

The story from the rival General Accident gave little cause for cheer with the group turning in losses for the nine months of £73.3 million again a profit for the corresponding period of £137.1 million.

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WORLD MARKETS

# Tokyo ends lower after thin trading

Tokyo SHARES closed weaker after a day of thin trading in which buy and sell programs pushed the indices in both directions. The Nikkei index closed down 36.23 points, or 0.15 per cent, at 23,937.44

Some investors shares that were backed by particular incentives, but most of the day's trading was related to the stock derivative

The volume of 350 million hares compared with a volume of about 400 million on

1,196 shares listed in the first section were traded. Brokers spoke of heavy activity in warrant-rolated issues. slightly weaker in featureless trading. The All-Ordinaries

index closed 3.6 points lower at 1,345.2.

• New York - Blue chips extended their opening gains

the anticipation of an easing in credit by the Federal Reserve. The Dow Jones industrial

average rose by 8 points to 2.543.40. Frankfurt bounded to finish mixed to slightly firmer after opening sharply lower. The Dax index closed 3.32 points higher at

1,406.23 after slipping as far as 1.384.62. • Singapore - Prices closed weaker on slight but wide-spread profit-taking with sentiment also depressed by weak Wall Street and Tokyo markets. The Straits Times industrial index retreated by 1.88

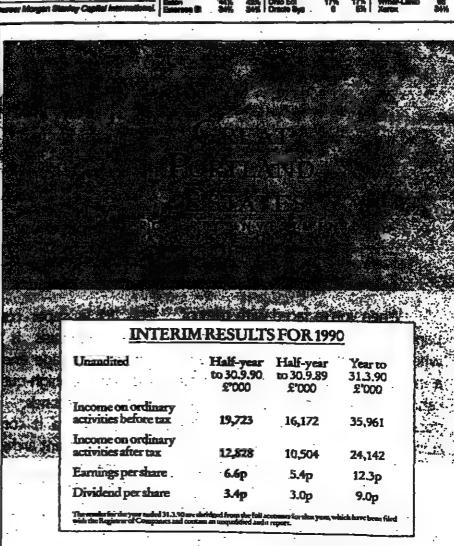
points to 1,114.82. Hong Kong — The market ended slightly firmer but be-low its highs in moderate dealings after some steady buying from overseas institu-tions. The Hang Seng index ended at 3,006.82, up 7.85 points.

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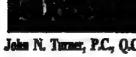
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Mr. Clifford H. Frame, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Curragh Resources Inc., is pleased to announce the recent elections of Mr. George S. Moore, Mr. Rodney F. Price, The Right Honourable John N. Turner, P.C., Q.C., and Mr. George E. Whyte, Q.C. to the board of directors of the Corporation.

Mr. Moore, a resident of Spain, is a former Chairman of Citibank Corporation. Mr. Moore's principal directorships include Mercantile Stores Company Inc.; Director Emeritus of W.R. Grace & Co.; M/s Unipepsi Bottlers Ltd., Delhi; Asturiana de Zinc, S.A.; the Spain Fund; and Madrid Business School. Mr. Moore is also President of the Hispanic Society of America and an honourary director of the Metropolitan Opera Association, Inc.

Mr. Price is Managing Director of Pioneer International Limited of Australia. Pioneer has interests in concrete, asphalt and cement; petroleum refining and production; and oil and gas exploration. Mr. Price is a director of Ampol Exploration Limited.

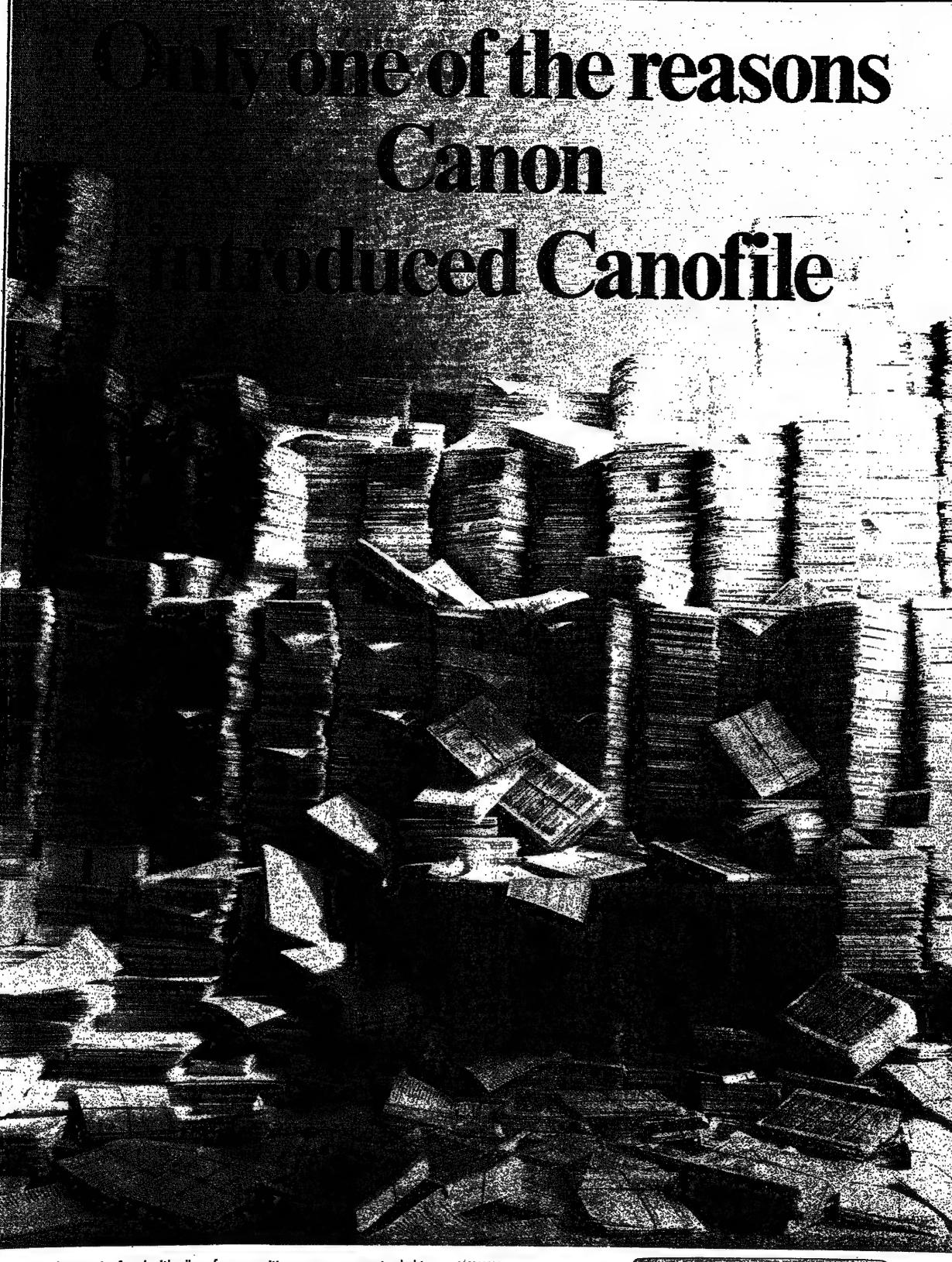
Mr. Turner is a partner in the Toronto law firm of Miller Thomson. He was leader of the Liberal Party of Canada from June, 1984 to June, 1990. As a member of the Federal Parliament of Canada, Mr. Turner served as Prime Minister, and most recently as Leader of the Opposition. Mr. Turner is a director of The Dominion of Canada General Insurance Company, The Empire Life Insurance Company, and Beatrice Foods Inc.

Mr. Whyte is Vice Chairman of Curragh Resources Inc., and a director of Sun Alliance Insurance Company.

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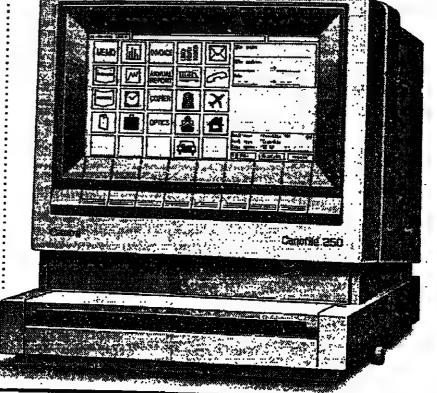
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# **SPORTS LETTERS**

### Curbing anti-social actions

From the Reverend Charles Whitfield

Sir, Whiist not in any way condoning the fighting between the Arsenal and Manchester United players I feel that the real

The problem is that the players look to the referees for protection. If the referee does not give the players this protec-tion then they take things into their own hands. Hence the

Week after week we see the incompetence of referees both in not protecting the players from foul play and in giving different interpretations of the laws, so that for the same offence a player can either be sent off or booked or have no punishment.

It is up to the football authorities to see that the referees do their job properly. If they do not do their job, they thould be removed. Yours sincerely, CHARLES WHITFIELD, Strawberry Cottage, 23 Chapel Meadow, Buckland Monachorum

From Mrs Monica Hartland Sir, No punishment meted out to the brawling football teams at Old Trafford (report, November

Yelverton, Devon.

### Better Italian job

Sir, In Milan recently I was astonished to see trainers leading up their horses in the paddock while the lads looked these eminently respectable men had got their hands and feet dirty and were pretty tired. This the lads has apprently been

In England the job of lad is done more for the love of horses done more for the flow of flories than for the money, in Italy it is a well paid profession, embraced by a strong national union which won't take any between the trainers, owners and the union, a lad earns around £750 net per month for exercising and looking after two horses and for working two is. On top of that be earns £5-£6 per day for each extra horse he does. In July and at Christmas be receives his "thirteenth" and "fourteenth" month's pay on top of his normal salary. He is entitled to 22 days' holiday a year.

When he leaves his employer he receives liquidation money which adds up to another month's wages for every year he has worked there. He is comprehensively insured, which means he receives full pay unti injury sustained during work.
The maximum payable for total disablement is £50,000. The pension shoeme is worth up to £800 per month.

### The old guard From Mr Derek Severs

ters. November 8) queries whether there is any physically active sport apart from rugby fives which can match an age national players.

Bowls used to be considered an old man's activity but the whole climate of the game has hanged with the influx of a large number of younger players, bringing with them a highly competitive attitude.

In the Gloucestershire Bowling Association we take especial pride in the fact that this summer our triple won the national championship. The players involved were 20-year-old Andy Wills at lead, 79-year-

13) could have engendered total satisfaction. That the points deduction has infuriated both ctubs and supporters, howe suggests that the learning of a salutary lesson may be in

Association football has for too long borne the brunt of all that is negative in sport, despite the overwhelming evidence that gross ill-discipline is the prerogative of others, with rugby football and lawn tennis the protagonists. If the brute viplence of the former is unparalleled, the latter surely brooks no opposition with rebrooks no opposition with regard to verbal abuse and the demeaning of overly tolerant

As a teacher, I can assure you that my job is the more difficult because of such appalling exam-ples of well publicised antisocial behaviour. I hope that the disciplinary committees of those who play on school pitches or indeed on Hackney Marshes will, henceforth, be empowered to follow the commendably tough stance of the game's administrators.

Yours faithfully, MONICA HARTLAND, 78 Burleigh Park,

# The lads are organised and perhaps because they have a little money in their pockets they are prepared to confront issues. Italian trainers are re-From Miss Gizelle Rohman

spected, but there is not the entrenched class system which divides lads and trainers over here. The recent problems result from a lock in relations over the unicolar refixed. on. By the end of the day most of union's refusal to meet the owners and trainers and demands for the new contract. It of ad hoc strike action by looks now as though the original contract will remain. blighting Italian racing over the

Although I'm not particularly in favour of strike action, here it shows that the Continent has caught up with the times, and caught up with the times, and that those employed in the dangerous occupation of riding and looking after racehorses are capable and deserving of looking after their own interests. For those who disapprove of striking in the racing world, the horses did not suffer. They were still fed, watered and exercised. Most of the pressure was put on Most of the pressure was put on during overtime hours.

If I was still employed in racing I would seriously consider working in Italy where it is not impossible for lads to buy their own horse or car they have always dreamed of. The only drawbacks for an English lad, as far as I can see, are that the quality of racehorse is not on the whole as good as in the UK, and

Yours faithfully, GIZELLE RAHMAN, Home Farm, Benhall, Saxmundham

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Next season, as English cham-pions, they will compete in the British Isles championship, a truly international event.

Yours faithfully (Senior vice-president, Gloucestershire Bowling Association), Holly Cottage, Kilcot Lane, Hillesley, Wotton Under Edge,

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# RFU must not ignore camera

The way to soo similar future incidents is to let the players know that the camera will record their fouls—and not for the RFU to deny camera cridence.

From Judge Nicholas Brands

RFU panel has totally exon-erated Jeffrey Probyn.

Am I, however, alone in wondering what "provocation" has to do with the Mendez/ Actional incidents

members of the panel, which deat with Mendez, may have put upon the Probyn/Mendez on affair, the attack by Mendez on

An advocate who tried to mitigate for his client's assault

on Bloggins on the basis of "provocation" from Snoggins would get short shrift from the

Yours faithfully,

Cross Oak Road

From Dr J. B. Evans Sir, The RFU statement on the Probyn affair (report, November 10) is a weak and muddled one. The expressed "concern about the wrong conclusio being drawn from televised pictures" is an attempt to cover up for refereeing mistakes and for their embarrassment. Every winter weekend after-

on we see forward passes ing missed and we accept this being missed and we accept this as inevitable. However, we should not refuse to accept proven evidence of foul play. Méndez first punched Probyn in the testicles (why can't the word be used?) and then grabbed them. Probyn stamped on Méndez in an attempt to gain release — and who wouldn't?

The statement does not refer

The statement does not refer to stamping because stamping is seldom acceptable, but it certainly was in these circumstances. I have not drawn the wrong conclusions from the wrong concustons from the attain, the attack by Mendez on television pictures. The first one is the surprising evidence that an 18-year-old was strong enough to prop against Probyn and the second was that Mendez should, by his tender age, have already decided that he should should explain. already decided that he should take the opportunity to punch and grab whatever is on offer. No Queensberry rules for him.

The RFU is embarrassed by the bad publicity given to the game by this incident at its headquarters in an international It is not Probyn's attempted escape that is embarrassing, but the assault that made escape necessary.

Should explain.

An advocate who to mitigate for his elient's con Bloggins on the barrowood get short shrift for lines of, and the probyn's attempted escape that is 25 Southway, Colchester, Emer.

Wrongly focused

Argentina demonstrated a wor-sening of these habits.

The biggest sin is the boring visual cliché of the carnera being

head and shoulders of the last

payer who has done/not done something notable, while action

sometime notation, which actually is going on elsewhere or something off camera needs to be explained. This cliche is in-

We even saw the beginnings of a quick throw-in from touch by Argentina before the camera

automatically switched to the Scottish kicker, then hastily

switched back to the live action

just as the commentator was

What made the presentation

From Mr Edward Young

breaks in the game when replay: can be shown without the viewer missing anything of in-Sir, Before the five nations' rugby championship gets under way, and in preparation for the World Cup, it would be helpful terest. Live action, every time,

Yours faithfully to viewers if those responsible for television presentation would tighten up on their increasingly slack production labits. Last Saturday's international between Scotland and American deposits of the statement EDWARD YOUNG. Stile Park, Willowglen Road,

From Mr C. A. M. Forsyti Sir, I write to complain about the camera coverage at last Saturday's rugby league inter-national between Great Illright

and Australia.
I refer to the excessive use of close-ups whenever an individ-ual player goes on a run, when a wide picture would give a far better appreciation of the state evitable after a penalty kick at of play.

Two bad examples were the If the kick misses there is always the possibility of the ball tries scored by the Australians. When it was important for the being run out of defence in viewer to see the positioning of adventurous attack. Several times on Saturday this could have happened as Argentina bravely tried to save the game, but Gavin Hastings's head and shoulders took priority. We even saw the beginnings supporting players and of the defence, and therefore the options open to the attackin on a close-up camera which cut out all the other players. Filling the screen with a player who could just as well have been running alone in his back garden gives the viewer a very narrow and unhelpful perspective.

Rogby is a team game. The above the team is setting regrettable and dangerous tren

to the Lord Mayor's banquet (report, November 13) a bid to become a member of the MCC

particularly inept was that this visual cliché was held and maintained for embarrassing Yours faithfully C. A. M. FORSYTH, The Old Manor House, Rectory Road, Taplow Village, Bockinghamshire.

# Marginally less boring, but equally irritating, is the babit of replays being shown while live action is taking place. Do we need replays of kicks at goal when the drop-out or kick-off has taken place? There are Membership bid Sir. Was Mrs Thatcher's address

From Mr M. Gee Sir, The organiser of the recent world rowing championships in Tasmania was Mr Brian Roe. Does this not leave the door wide open for, inter alia: World table tennis: Ms Pons; hockey: Mr Stix; ski: Mr S.

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JOHN KIRBY,

The Rectory,

# Cup contest creates electric climate



Grandstand view: Allan, the Witton Albien manager, penders over his side's chances of victory against Bolton

# Witton's wait almost over

WITTON Albion head the HFS Loans League, with the prize of GM Vanxhail Con-ference football looming into

Yet it has needed the giam our and excitement of the FA Cup to light up a club all too used to playing second fiddle to their neighbours, Northwith Victoria.

"The atmosphere is electric," Stan Allan, the Witton manager, said. "It is 26 years since we got to the first round. Nobody can think about anything else; everything is about one game. On the day, it will be a full house."

The fact that Bolton Wanderers are Witton's opponents adds further allure. Allan said: "Boiton have won the Cup at Wembley four times. They are a team with a name; they bring a little bit of magic. I can remember it as not long ago that they won at Wembley: was it Nat place but run down," Allan Lotthouse's goals beating Manchester United?"

Indeed, it was in 1958 that Lofthouse scored both goals in club is going as good as any in the stand for a second time, a 2-0 triumph. It was probably non-League. We have the and sort out a pitch whose ruts

**FACUP** 

one of the most unpopular wins as the nation was willing Mast Busby's babes to victory three months after the Munich

Bolton's most recent Wernbley success was of humbler vintage - 4-1 over Torquay United in the Sherpa Van Trophy final in 1989.

The 1990 Witton Albion are undoubtedly a new breed. They are in only their second. season at their Wincham Park ground and the club boasts no wer than six of last year's Coine Dynamoes side, which won the HFS Loans League, were denied promotion and then folded in the summer.

"The old ground was a nice said. "We had gates of about 300. Now, we are getting gates

Alian had signed Karl Thomas, a free-scoring for-ward, from Colne, and Joe Connor, from Hyde - both for £10,000 in close-season transfers. When Coine collapsed, five others - Steve McNeils, Andy Lee, Andy Grimshaw, Smart Anderson and Smart

The manager himself was in the Skelmersdale United side which won the Amateur Cup, and he shared in repeated flirtations with FA Cup glory over 14 years as player, coach and assistant manager with Altrincham before moving to

Mason - also joined.

Witton four years ago. Progress has been steady and Ian Dobson, aged 41, who took over as club chairman in February, is determined to maintain it. A bus and coach operator, Dobson sold the main part of his business last November and is therefore

free to devote time to the club. His first task was to repair the damage done by gales. of just under 1,000 and the which had blown the roof off

made it near unplayable new surface compete with sprinkler system, was laid for £100,000 in the close season. Dobson said: "We hope to

go up there into the Conference. We'd get two good games and attendances playing against Northwich. That is something that would also apply to playing Altrincham. Runcom and Macclesfield. They've always been the top teams in Cheshire and we intend to keep going forward. My aim is the Football League. We've got the facilipies for it."

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Saturday, however, should belong to the long-suffering supporters who have lived under the shadow of the Vics. Dobson said: "It's great for the supporters. They work side by side with the Northwich supporters. On a Monday morning football is the topic of conversation. They are used to being gloated over.

"It is a good friendly rivalry but it is nice for the lads to get .. something to be proud about. After being the butt of so many jokes, they can get

### SQUASH RACKETS

# The stars who fell to earth

By COLIN McQUILLAN

THE international star system which won the Pinnn's premier eague championship for Leeker Wizards last season was this week directly responsible for a defeat which may come to be seen as cataciyamic by the end of

the season. Chris Robertson, of Australia, Chris Robertson, of Australia, Mark Maclean, of Scotland and Jamie Hickox, of Canada, all of whom had just returned from the competitive and social demands of the world open championship in Toulouse, fell to the fresher but lower-tamlord legs of Colin Keith, Simon Taylor and Geoff Williams in the match assintt Team.

the match against Team Allsports in Manchester.

The Leekes Englishman, Peter Marshall, managed to salvage a point against Puil Whitlock, but the result converts a hopeful marginal Welsh leadership to a potentially disas-trous five-point deficit behind Carlisle Cannons.

The London side earned six grimly professional points on North Walsham in what had looked to be the fixture of the season, with four present champions and two former champions are present.

pions present.
On a humid evening in Nor-folic with 300 spectators packed behind poorly ventilated courts and creating condensation, Chris Dittmar defeated Rodney Martin in a clash of former and present Australian champions.
The British champion, Del Harris-beat the European champion.
Chris Walker; the former British
champion, Paul Carter outlasted Tony Hands; and the junior world champion, Simon Parke overwhelmed Stephen

RUBULT The Plane's proprier langue re-unite Team Atoports 3, Larious Vitantio, 1; Houth Warnism 0, Carles Cerviors 4; GT Sports Achievade 2, Lynt Skriston 2; Moust: Fritary 2, Share and Shipes 5. Leegue, positione: Cassons, 1776; Leetue, 12; Atoports, 10; Levitt Lambs, 10; Priory, 7; Surbion, 7; Sars and Syrbon, 4; Abbeyshale 4, North Warnism.

• The Squash Rackets Assoc

of the Squasar Raicetts Association yesterday amounted a £110,000 spousorship of the national championships by the charity, Fight 80 Sight, which is aiming to gain national profile and access to the three-millionand access to the three-million-strong squash-playing commu-nity by utilising its advertising budget to finance the elite national championships in Newcastle next January and a midonwide grantout challenge event throughout the year.

event throughout the year.

• KARACHI: Jahangir Khan is to lodge a complaint against Chris Dittmar, president of the international Squash Players' Association, for maligning Pakistan. Dimmar effectively said a future grand prix circuit might size Pakieten hanners content. miss Pakistan because spousors were not interested and other players did not like going to that

### RUGBY UNION

# Richardson leads Plans for way to play-offs

converted.

By MICHAEL STEVENSON

Loughborough Univ..... 44

A STORMING game by Loughborough's talented flanker, Richardson, well supported by Millward and Peters in a fine pack helped them to a comfortable victory at Bradford University by five goals, two tries and two penalties to a dropped goal.

Loughborough have won their three qualifying games in the UAU championship comthe UAU championship com-fortably to carn a home tie in the fortably to earn a bome tie in the play-off stage, which will probably be against Newcastle University. They played splendidly in bursts, then would go to sleep for a period, only to wake up and again play the most delightful rugby.

Loughborough went ahead when the home side killed a ruck and Malone the limited under-

Pressure was maintain

21 stand-off, kicked the penalty. from a tap penalty Peters put Billington in for the first try. Their next came from possibly the best move of the match. Johnson took Miles's pass on the blind side, Malone looped, and Dossett and Wisheart handled fluently to make a try for

registered the losers' only points with a long dropped goal, which was answered immediately by Malone's second penalty make it 16-3 at the interval.

the forceful Righardson, Malone

Loughborough have not con-ceded a my in UAU manches this season but they came close to doing so when Plenderith was tackled inches short under the

posts and seconds later Dixon

With the diagonal wind favouring Loughborough they went further ahead with a try from Miles from a lineout near the Bradford line and Peters touched down a pushover try, which Malone converted.

Irving and Miles registered further tries for Loughborough.

with Malone kicking two more

SCONERRE Bradford University: Dropped goek: Dison, Loughborough University: Tries: Miles: (2). Billington, Richardson, Peters, Witherst, Irving, Cenversions: Materia (5). Petersion: Mileon (2). Insuapropri University: Mileon (2). Insuapropri University: (Cartion, W Foy, C Hermost, M Charlon, P Stod, P Harwood, R Steams, K CTConted.
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# **Andrew leads London**

ROB Andrew, the England at Moseley for a fortnight after stand-off half, will lead being dropped, has joined Loudon's challenge for a treble Liverpool St Elelens. of divisional triles next mouth, South Wales Police have taking over from David Pegler. Called off their match with Clamorgan Wanderers on Saturday because so many officers wright, at scrum half, for

Andrew will be partnered by Chris Wright, at scrum half, for Wasps' televised league game against Rosslyn Park on Saturday. Steve Pilgrim and Rob Lozowski return from injury with Graham Childs moving to

Simon Robson, the England B scrum half who failed to appear

are needed at the Barbarians' match with Argentina and at two FA Cup foothall ties.

Andrew Morgan, the former Lianelli and Haverfordwest wing, has been stopped from playing for Tenby United in the Heineken League as only one transfer is allowed per season.

### MOTOR RACING

# new track at Brands

By JOHN BLUNSDEN

WORK has begun on a multi-" million pound development aimed at reinforcing Brands listch's status as an important

The first phase, due to be completed next spring, is the construction of an administration block. Far-reaching plans are also in hand to upgrade the -pit area, a necessary step if the ircuit is to have a los future as a venue for bia

Consultants have been commissioned to report on the best way of providing the re-quired facilities and have been given a free hand not only to submit proposals within the constraints of the existing two circuits but also to offer more radical solutions that could nvolve substantial realignment of the race track.

or the race track.

Brainds Hatch Circuits Limited owns substantial areas of land to the north of the existing motor-racing facility, some of which could be brought into use as post of a revised track if a serious bid is one day to be mounted for a return of For-mula Chapter and the Forand to the north of the existing

it be given the go-ahead, is unlikely to begin for at least two years. Although Silverstone holds the contract for staging the british grand prix until 1997, the possibility of more than one Formula One race per season being sanctioned in this country being sanctioned in this country before that date cannot be ruled

Brands Hatch Leisure plc, said:
"It is one of my personal goals to retain Brands Flatch as one of " the world's premier venues for

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are needed at the Barbarians

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In-house benefits
Likewise, with one exception, there was no particular difficulty

formula applied to the expense incurred in providing the goods

and would include an element in

respect of the employer's

The point that caused initial

difficulty concerned cases, such as the present, where the benefit was an in-house benefit and consisted of the use of surplus capacity in services supplied by an employer for his customers.

ting staff to travel free in seats

unoccupied by fare-paying pas-sengers was in point. The man in the street, if asked how much

the provision of such a stand-by

benefit cost the employer, would The seat on the plane would

have remained empty and wasted: the airline incurred no expense in permitting the air hostess to occupy it as she travelled abroad on holiday.

Regins v Smith (Authory)

On very rare occasions the Court of Appeal could and would intervene if upon an appraisal of the evidence it took

the view that a miscarriage of justice had occurred.

However, the utmost care had always to be taken not to usurp

the function of the jury, particu-larly in cases that depended entirely upon the veracity of

witnesses, where the manner in which evidence was given as well as its content could be of

with importance.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division (Lord Justice Reseal), Mr Justice Drain and Mr Justice Mortand) so held on November 7 in rejecting an appeal by Anthony Smith

The case of an arrine p

affairs were consideration.

Queen's Bench Division

# Taxable cost of in-house benefit

Pepper (Inspector of Taxes) v Hart (and related appeals) Before Lord Justice Slade, Lord Justice Nicholls and Lord Justice Farquharson

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The process

Hudgment November 13] Members of staff at Malvern College whose sons were educated at the school under a concessionary fees scheme received a taxable benefit. Section 63(2) of the Finance Act 1976 required the amount of that benefit to be the difference between the amount paid under the scheme and a proper ratethe scheme and a proper rate-able proportion of the general running expenses of the school. The Court of Appeal so held

The Court of Appeal so held in reserved judgments dismissing appeals by the taxpayers, nine members of the college staff, from the judgment of Mr Justice Vinelott (The Times December 8, 1989; [1990] I WLR 204) that had allowed the Crown's appeals from Crown's appeals from determinations by a special commissioner in respect of a number of Schedule E assessments to tax for years from 1983

The taxpayers were given leave to appeal to the House of Lords.
The taxpayers had their sons

The taxpayers had their sons educated at the college at concessionary fees amounting to one-fifth of those payable for other pupils. The college had a discretion to withdraw the concessionary scheme at any time.

During the years under appeal it had sufficient surplus capacity to take the taxpayers' sons to take the taxpayers' sona without turning away other boys who could satisfy the educational entry requirements.

The intropers did not dispute that for the purposes of Schedule E liability they had received benefits liable to be treated as emoluments of their employment under section 61(1) of the

However, they contended that the cash squivalent of the benefit was to be determined under the principle of marginal costing that was solely taking into account the additional cost to the college of providing those boys with such items as food, laundry and stationery and excluding the cost to the school

An order that the fifther should

have care and control of a child so long as the child resided in the former marrimonial home improperly fettered the dis-cretion of the registrar to order a sale of the house in ancillary

relief proceedings between the

The Court of Appeal (Lord

Justice Fox and Lord Justice Butler-Sloss) so held on October

31 when allowing an appeal by

the mother from Judge Baker, who had made the order at Guildford County Court.

LORD JUSTICE BUTLER-

SLOSS said that the mother had resisted the father's application before the furiee arming that the care and ancillary proceedings the special commissioner accepted their case concluding that the one-fifth payments had made good the cost of providing the benefits received.

Section 61 of the 1976 Act charged to Schedule E tax any benefits of the employment of a higher-rand employer.

higher-paid employee.

By section 63(t) the cash equivalent of a benefit "is an amount equal to the cost of the benefit, less so much (if any) of it as is made good by the employee to those providing the

By section 63(2) the cost of a benefit "is the amount of any expense incurred in or in connection with its provision, and includes a proper proportion of any expense relating property to the benefit of the property of the ing partly to the benefit and partly to other matters". The provisions are now con-tained in sections 154 and 156 of

the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. Mr Stephen Oliver, QC and Mr Jeremy Woolf for the tax-payers; Mr Alan Moses, QC and Mr Timothy Brennan for the

JUSTICE NICHOLLS said that benefits in kind had been a feature of employment for many years. They could be divided into two categories.

1 "External benefits" where the

benefit was not directly related to any business carried on by the employer, for example, pro-vision of a car or medical 2 "In-house benefits" where the

2"In-house benefits" where the employer permitted employees to acquire his goods or services at a reduced price, for example, provision of air tickets by an airline company at cut prices.

In taxing those benefits Parliament had not adopted a "market value" test. Instead it had adopted a formula looking at the expense incurred by the at the expense incurred by the employer in providing the bene-fit. In the normal way that approach would be more favourable to employees.

No particular difficulty arose in applying the section 61(2)

should be dealt with together.

The judge had therefore been placed in the difficult position of

having to make the care order without knowing whether the father would be able to keep the

former matrimonial home as his and the child's residence.

The mother now realised that the father's application should

not have been opposed and that the appeal had become nec-essary because the application had been refused.

Where the decision as to the child impinged on the decision as to the house and the decision as to the house impinged on the decision as to the house impinged on the decision as to the child, it was highly desirable that both matters should be dealt with by the same judge at the same time.

Discretion fettered

concerned with what an em-ployer could be said to have lost by providing the benefit.

It was concerned exclusively with calculating the amount of the expense incurred by the But one point of importance was to be noted. If the benefit employer in providing the benecomprised a facility which the employer maintained for use by fit. It had, of course, to be applied having due regard to the his employees, such as a swim-ming pool, the statutory forcarcumstances in which and for which the expense was incurred required that the and the nature of the benefit maintenance expenses were apportionable among all releunder consideration.

But there was no escape from the conclusion that the fact that vant employees.

The point was important as it illustrated that the statutory formula could not sensibly be interpreted as applying only to the extra expense directly incurred in providing the benefit use of surplus capacity did not, of itself, affect the expense calculation which the statutory forcesis called for. If that was correct it had to

follow that the appeals failed.

The benefit enjoyed by the taxpayers consisted of the opportunity for their boys to have a place in the school and make use of all the school in principle in applying the formula. An employer incurred expense in acquiring his stock-in-trade. If then he made it available to his employees at discounted rates the statutory formula applied to the expense.

Each place in the school cost the school as much as every other place. Thus the expense incurred by the school in providing that benefit for any one member of the staff was a proper proportion of the general running expenses of the school, since those expenses related partly to the benefit provided for the bursar and partly to

LORD JUSTICE SLADE, concurring, added that he had an uneasy suspicion that the legislature in drafting section 63(2) had not directed its mind whose business consisted of the provision of services to the public, conferred on his employees a benefit consisting of the use of surplus capacity in the services supplied by him for his ensurement.

Had the legislature's amention been directed to the instant one it might have provided for it in a somewhat different way. Lord Justice Parquharson

against his conviction on two charges of attempted rape and one of indecent assault on February 9, 1990 at Liverpool Crown Court (Judge Naylor and a jury), five which he was sentenced to a total of seven

years imprisonment.

LORD JUSTICE RUSSELL

said the appellant had been convicted on the uncorrobo-rated evidence of the com-

plainant, a girl aged 14.

The court had looked very carefully at the transcript of the

evidence as well as the summing up. The court was less favourably placed than the jury to decide where the truth lay and

was not persuaded that it would be right to intervene because of the absence of corroboration.

At first sight that was an attractive approach. The flaw was that it looked at the Solicitors: Jagger Son & Tilley, Birmingham; Solicitor of Inland Revenue. question from the wrong angle. The statutory formula was not

Overturning jury

# Plaintiff can sue for pre-birth injury

Before Mr Justice Potts [Judgment September 25]

A plaintiff born with injuries A plantiff born with injuries caused by the pre-natal neglect of the defendant had a cause of action in negligence against him in respect of those injuries. The fact that the plaintiff was undefined in law and without status when the twin of these status when the train of events which resulted in that damage as set in motion was

Mr Justice Potts so held in a judgment given in the Queen's Bench Division at Manchester in dismissing an application by the defendants, Islandon Health Authority, to strike out the plaintiff's claim for negligence. Mr Alastair J. Forrest for the plaintiff; Mr John O. B. Grace

MR JUSTICE POTTS said that the statement of claim alleged, inter alia, that on September 6, 1966 the plaintiff's and curettage (D and C) at the Whittington Hospital, that at the time the plaintiff's mother was in fact pregnant with the plaintiff to whom she gave birth on April 26, 1967 and that the medical staff at the hospital were negligent in and about the performance of the D and C

procedure.

As a result it was alleged that the plaintiff was born with numerous abnormalities. She would be smable to conceive and was greatly embarrassed by her

She had undergone surgery with a resultant scar which extended from her back underextended from her back under-peath her shoulder blade to below her disphragm. The cos-metic deficit was such that it was likely to impede her relation-ships with the opposite sex and impair her earning capacity.

It was to be emphasised that the present hearing was not a unial of the ments of the plain-tiff's claim. No evidence had been adduced by either side. The application had proceeded on the basis that the allegations

on the basis that the allegations in the statement of claim would be made out.
Both counsel had made submissions on the basis that on
September 6 the plaintiff was an embryo within the womb of her

mother and was not at that time espable of being born alive.

The plaintiff's claim was grounded in negligence. The defendants submitted that the tort of negligence contained three component elements: the

duty of care, breach of that duty

and resulting damage.

It was submitted that since on
September 6 when her mother underwent the D and C, the plaintiff had no legal status and therefore no right to sue; no duty of care was or could be owed to her by the defendants. Thus, it was said, two of the essential elements of negligener could not be made out of the statement of claim and the plaintiff failed at

Liability Act) 1976 made provision as to civil liability in the present case. In his Lordship's view, the fact that the negligent consequence of some person's act which caused the injury was fault, but section 4(5) made the not contemporaneous with the fault, but section 4(5) made the Act apply only to births after, but not before, its passing. Thus the plaintiff born in 1967 could injury itself was not a bar to recovery.

The actual damage suffered by the plaintiff, that was, being born suffering from physical abnormalities, was "potential damage which was foreseeable" derive no advantage from it.

Assuming the allegations of fact alleged in the statement of claim to be made out and the allegations of negligence made and was the result of the breach of a "possible duty": see Lord therein well founded, his Lordship was of the view that when Pearson in Dorset Yachi Con the defendants' staff prepared pany Ltd v Home Office ([1970] for and performed the D and C on the plaintiff's mother, they The fact that the plaintiff was undefined in law and without

ought reasonably to have fore-seen that an embryo then being carried by the mother in her womb was liable to be damaged in the procedure with the result which resulted in that day was set in motion was neither here nor there. that the living child was liable to Thus in the instant case, at the be born injured. time of the negligent act or omission there was in law "no In his Lordship's judgment, a reasonable medical person carrying out a D and C would specific person towards whom take account of the risk of causing injury to the embryo in the duty could be said to exist.": see Grant v Australian Knitting
Mills Ltd ([1936] AC 85). The
embryo might have aborted or
bave been born dead. the womb and the consequent

the womb and the consequent risk of the child being born injured and with abnormalities. Thus on established principles, were it not for the fact that, at what the defendants submitted was the material time, namely, September 1966 the plaintiff had no right to sue, his Lordship would have had no hesitation in finding that the defendants owed her a duty of However, what had been a "potential" or "contingent" duty vested on the birth of the live plaintiff suffering from physical abnormalities caused by the earlier negligent act. defendants owed her a duty of

Provided that the other requirements specified by Lord Wright in Australia Knitting Mills and Lord Pearson in Dorset Yacht were fulfilled, it was sufficient for the defendant's duty of care to be "potential" or "contingent" or "possible." In the Australian case of Want v Rama ([1972] VR 353) the essential question posed was whether a plaintiff born with injuries caused by the pre-natal neglect of the defendant had a "possible." In his Lordship's view, there cause of action in negligence

was no requirement in this branch of English law for the plaintiff and defendant to pos-

at the time of the wrongful act. The fact that damage was done to the embryo in Septem-ber 1966 was an "evidentiary fact relevant to causation": Watt v Rama. If there was neglect in the D and C procedure in breach of proper medical practice the risk of injury on

birth to a child then being carried by the patient mother was reasonably foreseeable.

The circumstances created a contingent or potential duty on the defendants which crystallised on birth of the injured child. The wrong to the child was then complete, she having been born alive physstatus when the train of events

ically damaged as a result of the defendants' earlier neglect. On birth, the child acquired legal status and legal rights. Thus her cause of action in negligence was complete and accrued to her when she was a legal person who could sue or be

His Lordship therefore re-

Mr Grace also submitted that there were reasons of public policy for not recognising the cause of action. He argued that were the plaintiff to succeed, a wide range of potential defen-dants would come into being

extending far beyond the class blamed in the present case. Since his Lordship had re-jected Mr Grace's principle argument, he took the view that it was not open to him to deny the plaintiff her right to sue on the ground that an action brought by her would be con-trary to public policy.

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# Restraint order affects third party

Before Mr Justice Buckley

[Judgment September 12] A restraint order, made under the Criminal Justice Act 1988, freezing the assets of a defen-dant in criminal proceedings with the intention that they would be available to meet a confiscation order, could not be

varied on the application of a bona fide third-party judgment creditor so as to permit the judgment sum to be paid.

Mr Justice Buckley so hald in the Queen's Bench Division in third party independent in comments in comments. giving judgment in open court following an application in chambers in the case of W.

Mr Michael Stephens for the applicant; Mr Barry Gregory of the CPS.

MR JUSTICE BUCKLEY said that the judgment creditor was emitted to make the application as she was a "person affected" by the order within the meaning of section 77(7).

However, it was clear from section 82 that the purpose of a matterial credit was a released.

the first hurdle.

There was no English authority on the issue. The Congenital Disabilities (Civil property to satisfy a confiscation

Subsection (4) expressly pro-

subsection (4) expressly pro-tected third parties who might have an interest in any of the realisable property, but the ap-plicant did not have an interest in the frozen moneys.
Subsection (6) provided: "...
no account shall be taken of any

and Lord Justice Farquharson to grant an application by the London Electricity Board to strike out a notice of appeal by the appellant, Mr Colin John Slinn, from a judgment in

tion to satisfy the confiscation

Assuming that "obligations" included debts, the satisfaction of the confiscation order took priority. As "obligations" was given no special meaning in the definition section of the Act the

obligations of the defendant . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Solicitors: Lyon Clark, West which conflict with the obliga-

### Unfortunate anomaly London Electricity Board v Xyllyx (UK) Ltd and Another Weymouth County Court due to his failure to set his appeal down

It was unformants and soomshave an appeal struck out under Order 59, rule 14 of the Rules of the Supreme Court had to make his application to the full Court

of Appeal.
Lord Justice Nicholls so
stated on October 9 when
agreeing with Lord Justice Slade

for hearing.

NICHOLLS said that according to the notes to Order 59, rule 14 on p962 of The Supreme Court Practice 1991 the application had to be made to the full court. The result appeared anoma-

lous because according to the same notes an application to extend time to set down was to be made to the Registrar of Civil Appeals. It was unfortunate that an applicant should be put to the expense of making his applica-tion to the Court of Appeal.

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# Mayfair

# Curing the evil has only inflamed the fire There are cricket laws that could do with serutiny or sure crying out for revision, such as, for instance, the finishment of the change in the wording was uterly stupid because no umpire out which in my very is a disaster. The original no-ball law required the lower to deliver the ball with one ball we required the lower of country was adopted on go crease. That was interpreted sensibly by unprives as a salester of country was adopted on go crease. That was interpreted sensibly by unprives as meaning in the process of delivering the sulficient of the country of the manual of the country of the manual of the sulficient of the country of the manual of the manual of the sulfine of the country of the manual of the sulfine of the sulfine of the country of the manual of the sulfine of the country of the manual of the sulfine o

ball", and I can't remember any complaint about the law until after World War II - which means it proved adequate for over 200 years.

Then, some enterprising fel-low with a high-speed slowmotion camera produced film to show that certain bowlers - Ray Lindwall was one of the prime targets - had a very long drag and clearly had the ball in hand after the back foot had crossed the bowling crease. This evidence apparently goaded the MCC into action and, in 1947, it altered the law and made it read that the offending foot had to be behind the bowling crease "at the instant of delivery". The new heaven for the photographers, who now proceeded to show that almost every bowler offended under the new wording.

The words "instant of delivery" were absolutely precise and, tead of interpreting the law with common sense as meaning in the process of delivering the ball", the umpires now found themselves directed to adjudibehind the bowling crease to offset the bowler's drag, the disc in effect becoming the bowling

As evidence of the effectiveness of this measure, I would point out that, in my 1948 tour of England, Ray Lindwall was my principle fast bowler yet, in the whole five Tests, the no-balls debited against the Australian bowlers in each Test averaged just under three.

A further complication reared its head about this time when a handful of bowlers appeared to combine excessive drag with a doubtful bowling ation. I know that certain English batsmen linked drag and throw as related evils. Cure one, they said, you cure the other. Despite an affinity in one particular case, they were not necessarily bed fellows.

Two of the longest draggers were Ray Lindwall and Fred Trueman and both had perfect bowling actions with no semblance of a throw. Indeed, the "throwing" problem was com-pletely eradicated by a change in the definition of a throw, a change brought about mainly

through suggestions that ema-nated from discussions between my late friend, Sir George Allen, and me. The new wording was totally unrelated to the position of the feet or to drag.

Despite undeniable evidence that the drag was well under control, there remained opponents of the law who magnified certain minor and quite unimportant flaws concerning the ase of the disc.

Finally, after a short period of experimentation, MCC altered the law to make the deciding criterion the position of the front foot as it related to the batting crease - not the bowling crease - the latter now beoming utterly

he new law made a mock-ery of one that had stood the test of time for over two centuries. Bowlers could now place both feet clearly ahead of the defunct bowling crease. Many proceeded to do so, and still do. So long as the bowler's front foot was not over the batting crease, he was in the clear. One of the original com-

plaints, the fact that he had the ball in his hand after the back foot crossed the bowling crease, which virtually every bowler did and still does, was ignored. Australia's legislators were al-

most totally opposed to the MCC decision. In due course, I was stunned to be told by a gentleman who was at the fatal meeting when the change was approved that, in response to a query, members present were informed that Australia supported the change. This may well have influenced the vote and was, of course, untrue.

Sadly, the pro-front footers won the day. They had elimi-nated drag and made it irrelevant. But they were short-sighted because, in curing one evil, they had not perceived that they were creating a worse problem. Alec Bedser, a strong advocate in favour of judgment via the back foot, makes the cogent point that bowlers, at the point of delivery, need to be concentrating on where to pitch the ball. The last thing they need is to be distracted, even subconsciously, by having to worry about where the

rhythmic and fluent action.

When the West Indians were last in Australia, they bowled a plethora of no-balls from which hardly a run was made off the bat because the batsmen mostly played the ball before they heard the belated front-foot no-ball call. The West Indians failed to bowl their required 90 overs a day (and were heavily fined) primarily because no-balls are not counted in the overs. Ninety six-ball overs equal 540 balls. The 540 balls, of which 36 are called no-balls, come to only 84 overs. The situation was really famical. In one Sheffield Shield match last season, the fielding side conceded no less than 56 noballs - top score for the innings.
All of this is bad enough but is not nearly so bad as the problem confronting umpires. They must want until the front foot him the ground before making a call. There is often a split second

before the umpire makes his decision and, by the time he looks up, the ball from fast bowlers has sometimes mached the striker. The time during which the umpire must make an

adjudication on a leg-before or caught behind, a fraction of a second, is markedly reduced.

Officially, umpires are reluc-

changed to the original back-foot determination and, almost without exception, I believe I have the support in Australia of players, ex-players, umpires, administrators and, for sure, the general public. The matter is important and it is high time the MCC admitted the present situa-tion is totally unsatisfactory and made a change acceptable to all-Test match-playing countries.

nother hot potato is the number of overs to be bowled in a day. MCC has been trying to grapple with this problem for a long time. Press reports on the recent Test series in the West Indies indicate that both sides virtually ignored the official recommendations. The fight must go on. There is something radically wrong when the players of today can't bowl even 90 overs a day whereas those of the 1920s had no difficulty in getting through nearer 120. This is hardly value for those who pay to watch.

I have unashamedly used this

ABC publication as a forum for expressing my personal views, knowing some of them to be

I am now an old man but am not one of those who thinks everything was better in my day". I hope and believe I am still able to discern good from bad with a detached mind. Against the views perhaps held by a majority of the oktics, I like one-day cricket. Despite its anomalies and weaknesses, it forces players to get on with the game. Not all the strokes played are out of the coaching manual

but they are exciting.

The standard of fielding has improved enormously — cracket under lights with the white ball is wonderful and fascinating - the public are entertained and they see results in one day. That in no sense detracts from the truth that Test matches, played at the right tempo and in the right spirit, are still the pinnacle of skill. I hope the future will embrace and make the best of both types of

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England's leading scorer puts a turbulent week behind him as he assumes a commanding presence in an idyllic setting

# Atherton ready for battle to begin

From ALAN LEE CHICKET COURESPONDENT HOBART

THE first English team to visit Tasmania, 130 years ago, patronised the colonials to the extent of allowing them 22 players. It still proved in-sufficient, as the island side managed to lose 17 wickets before lunch on the opening

England 1990 did not find the contemporary Tasmanians quite such a pushover yesterday, but to say they were stretched to win by eight wickets would be a gross

A day on one of Australia's loveliest grounds, with the yachts and windsurfers on the Derwent River an idyllic backcloth, may have restored some of the touring team's equilibrium after a turbulent week, and a victory of any sort is a welcome tonic to a side attracting scorn and sympathy

This, however, was never likely to be one of the more the injury to Gooch, once demanding or instructive days more looked the correct. of the tour. The sight of Bob Simpson, the national coach, busily supervising practice for the Australian XI who meet England over four days, starting tomorrow, was a reminder that the stakes are raised from

here on in. If Simpson found the time to observe the action in the middle at Bellerive Oval, it would undoubtedly have struck him that two of England's essential components, Fraser and Atherton, look ready for battle to commence. Fraser, whose consistency

with the ball is critical if England are to have any No. 3, Boon, as one of his two

Atherton.

blomished 88 in a little under three hours.

Total (2 widts, 46 overs) 1758
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### Scoreboard

repair, however, and Simpson might easily have been more concerned by news of the first injury to confront his own

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responsibilities at the head of the England batting order have greatly increased since commanding player of last summer as he passed 50 for the first time on tour and went on to an unbeaten and un-

Taylor, who scored 839 runs during the series in England last year and whose Test average of 64.72 is almost indecently good, damaged his left-hand little finger on Tueschance, was immediately day night while playing in less rhythmical and accurate after exalted circles, for his homeday night while playing in less a week off, conceding only 25 town club, Wagga. It was runs in his ten overs and initially thought that the findismissing Australia's Test ger was broken but Taylor was yesterday reassured that it was no worse than a crack.

An Englishman with the Taxananian devil in him: Atherton hits a boundary in his unbeaten and unblemished 88

England's injury bulletin vious enthusiasm than in now the studious looking even for a side with no form involves Gooch, still on a drip mont punct. leader of the Tasmans, plainly Larkins was worryingly and now thought likely to stay in hospital in Adelaide until the weekend before flying on to Brisbane for the Test, and Malcolm, who has a sore toe. He was, it is true, hit a nasty blow on it by the only ball he faced while batting on Monday but the tour management is treating it as nothing serious and expects its fastest bowler not only to play tomorrow but also to bowl with more ob-

For Malcolm's sake, one

hardly rose above stump height, Bicknell achieving a He was finally run out, was too slow in pace to please either the fast bowlers or the

and New South Wales but target which held no terrors

found it bard to hit the ball off must hope that he does not the square and, in the latter encounter a pitch quite as stages of his tortuous 63 from turgid as yesterday's. The ball 44 overs, received some strident advice from the crowd.

minor miracle by hitting Far- It was only because rell in the groin early on, and it Hemmings found his usual containing role curiously beyond his powers that Tasmania scraped together as many stroke-playing batsmen. nia scraped together as many Wellham, once of Australia ss 173 in their 50 overs, a

Larkins was worryingly loose again and fell in the same fashion for the third time in a week bowled through a vague defensive push lacking positive foot-work. Gower was briefly in touch before the impressive young off-spinner, Robertson, hured him to his end. Lamb still looks in good form and the contest, such as it had been, ended with four overs to

# A pitch as useful to fast bowlers as an eiderdown

night, the West Indian cricketers were not feeling a long way from home. After their conclusive defeat in the one-day internationals against Pakistan, they had been presented, when they arrived at the National Stadium, with a nitch so home and here with a pitch so brown and bare that it seems likely to be of as much use to their fast bowlers, in the first Test match starting there this morning, as an elderdown.

Only fools, I know, predict how pitches will play, "I have known it, man and boy, for 40 years," Walter Robins said of the Lord's pitch, "and I still get it wrong as often as not." But something will need to have sone very wrong in the produc-tion of this one if it is not slow than later, to spin.

Once upon a time it was considered rather poor form to weigh up the strength of the opposition and then prepare But not any more, Five weeks ago, when Pakistan played New Zealand on the same ground, the pitch was grassy enough for Pakistan's faster bowiers, being vastly superior to New Zea-land's, to take 18 wickets beindex, to take 18 wheres be-tween them. Today, against West Indies, Pakistan will be playing two leg spinners. In Antigua in April, when West Indies needed to beat England to win the series, they assembled a trampoline. Although it is West Indies' inten-

tion to play four fast bowlers today, that is parily, no doubt; to keep the over rate down. To a large extent, too, it is Hobson's choice. An itinerary of three one-day internationals and nothing else has allowed. Haynes, their leg spinner and the only slow bowler of any merit, no bowling to speak of. Next, the umpires for today. The West Indians are not best The West Indians are not best pleased about them, either. At one end will be Khizar Hayat, standing in his 24th Test match, which is more than any other

IT WOULD be surprising if, but Pakistani has. At the other willbe one Rizzuddin, whose only previous appearance at anything -like this level was in the last of the one-day internationals, in

Multan on Tuesday.

In the light of what lan
Taylor, New Zealand's manager
on their recent tour here, has
had to say about one side of the
ball being deliberately roughed
up by the faster bowlers of both teams, in order to make it swing, there is inevirably the familiar whiff of suspicion in the air.

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But do not let us forget what in mutterings there were in England in 1972 when the Australian, Bob Massie, playing in his first Test march, twice skittled England at Lord's, or again at Delhi in 1976 when John Lever, a also on his Test debut, took ten wickets for a mere 70 runs. Each time, to the astonishment of all, the hall swung like a boomerang. Pakistan's series against New-Zealand last month would, in ~: fact, have been umpired by we Sri Lankan) had Martin Crowe. the New Zealand captain, not-

said, when he heard the news, that anyone would be better then two Pakistanis, Hardly surprisingly, Pakistan took of his fence at that and insisted, forthwith, on two of their own. Today's series was always to have been unpired by Paking though it may be the last that is in Pakistan. The International Cricket Council is expensed. pected to bring in an international panel before April. Colin Cowdrey, chairman of ICC, is due here on Saturday, on his way home from India, to watch a couple of days' play.

WEST NODES (from): D L Haynes (cop-s-tein), C G Greenidge, R B Richardson, C A Beet, A L Logie, R B C Lara, P J L Dulon, M \*\*\*\*. D Mannan, D Witsens, R C Haynes, C Ettats, Ambrose, I R Bishop, C A Watch, C L . Hooper, E A Moseley. PARISTAN (from): Invan Khan (captain), a. \*\*\* Shoelb Mohemmed, Ramiz Raja, Javed \*\* Migrided, Zahld Fazal, Salira Malik, ad-Salseem Yousuf, Abdul Godfer, Westin \*\*\* Aloram, Mushtag Ammed, Wagar Younis, \*\*\* Aloram Raza, Anglo Javed, (iz Ahmed, \*\* Bauk Ali, Ghuliam Ali, Moon Khan, Usephree: Khizar Hayat and Risznddin, \*\*\*\*

# Drugs suppliers jailed but riders discharged

PARIS (AFP) - A doctor and also fined £2,000. All three

write ordered to pay symbolic damages of one franc each to the charged nine others.

Three cycling Federation.

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Three cycling with failed to turn up in court were found guilty of taking the drue. year suspended sentence and fined the equivalent of £10,000. Patrick Charron, who gave riders the drugs for the November 1986 Berty Open race, was jailed for two years and fined the

between the two men, was sent Chaurin, Patrick Clerc, Jean-to prison for one year with another year suspended. He was and a Belgian, Constant Tourne.

two other Frenchmen who supplied drugs to professional cyclists were jailed here yesterday
while the court fined two cyclists

damages of one franc each to the guilty of taking the drug. German Dietrich Thurau was ordered to pay £1,000 and Franck Clement £500.

Nine other cyclists attended court and were discharged. The prosecution had called for six months in prison for Regis Clere, Pierre Le Govic, Chrisme amount. tian Corre, Pierre Mentheou,
Joel Lacroix, an intermediary Didier Garcia, Jean-Francois

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# **YACHTING**

### Qualification is relaxed by San Diego

By BARRY PICKTHALL THE San Diego Yacht Club, the holder of the America's Cup, has withdrawn its hard-line residency rules drawn up to pre-

vent foreign nationals, principally the American skip-per, Paul Cayard, and Chris Dickson, of New Zealand, from competing for the Cup under Italian and Japanese flags.

The Californian club had sought to ban foreign "merce-naries" brought in to strengthen national teams who had not spent two years in the country they wished to represent, but agreed on Monday that this period can include time spent with their syndicates training in

The defender and challengers also agreed on the formation of an international jury, a training programme for on-the-water judges and a two-day tuning-up programme prior to next year's world championship in May.
The only problem concerns the request from the challengers to have the same rights as the defender to substitute the finaldefender to substitute the final-ist with another boat between the Louis Vurtion challenge trials and the start of the America's Cup. "We agreed to disagree on this condition," Tom Ehman, the general man-ager of the America's Cup organising committee, said vesternay.

It has also been decided that the America's Cup regatta should adopt the drug-testing procedures approved last week by the International Yacht Rac-ing Union.

### SNOOKER

# Higgins receives wild card for world masters

By STEVE ACTESON

ALEX Higgins, banned from tournaments for a year last June, tournaments for a year last June, has been given a wild-card invitation to play in the £1 million Sky World Masters in Birmingham in January. He was banned following his death threat against fellow professional Dennis Taylor and his wastering of a tournament of punching of a tournament of-ficial after his world champ-ionship first-round defeat.

The invitation comes from the tournament promoter, Barry Hearn, a WPBSA board mem-

ber of the association, but who has a free hand in this instance

come under WPBSA juris-

Higgins was elated by the news, while Hearn said: "He has given me his personal guarantee that his behaviour will be impeccable." yesterday said it "deplored" the decision, but as it had no control over the event it added: "Individual members must make up their own minds whether or not to play." One who was invited but will not play is John Spencer, three times the world

# **Dropped shots decide**

dom team manager, yesterday claimed a moral victory over New Zealand, even though the first test at Wanganui went to the host country on shots dif-ference (David Rhys Jones

Taking a 16-10 lead into the

last session, which featured women's singles and men's fours, the United Kingdom women, troubled by the blustery conditions, lost three of their four singles ties. Mary Price's vital 25-21 win over Marie Watson, however, meant that the visitors were still into the lead, 18-16, with only the men's fours to be completed. In a dramatic finish, Hugh Duff, Gary Smith, John Bell and

MAL Hughes, the United King. Jim Baker were level with New dom team manager, yesterday Zealand after 20 ends, but dropped two shots on the 21st and with the match points level at 18-18, it was those two shots that gave the team victory to New Zealand

New Zesland.

SCORES (New Zesland - names first: Moor's singless: M Symes 12, H H Duff 21; B Baidwin 20, J G Baiter, 21; P J Dolless 17, J A Smith 21; B Baidwin 20, J G Baiter, 21; P J Dolless 17, J A Smith 21; B Baidwin and Ellis 22, Duff and Bell 15. Bleather and Ellis 22, Duff and Bell 15. Bleather and Ellis 22, Duff and Bell 15. Bleather of Ellis 22, Duff and Bell 15. Bleather of Ellis 22, Duff and Bell 15. Bleather of Ellis 22, Duff and Lambert 25, B Gourtay 18; A Lambert 25, B J Acidend 18; Wasson 27; M Fritza 25, Hearthy and Switzer Vesson and Howart 18; Acidend and Johnston 23; Roga and Lambert 26, Gourtay and Price 19. Wessen's fourst-tow Zesland 5, Britan 21, Brisad public, Wasson and Symes 19, Gourtay and Bell 20; Bolfsinger and Howart 12, Out 18 no Price 20; Budden and Elle 28, Acidend and Switzer 17; Bardein and Lambert 20, Ersen and Lightsgare 18.

# A short, sharp lesson from game's masters

Cambridge Univ... Hockey Assoc XI.. FHE sight of Sean Kerly back in an England shirt and the con-cession of a goal within 30 seconds was just the start of a seconds was just the start of a chastening experience for Cambridge University yesterday. For almost as hour at Coldhams Common the students endured an illuminating lecture in the art of short, sharp passing from a Hockey Association side.

At least the goal gave the University a chance to touch the ball, which is more than their defenders seemed to be able to

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Umpleas: R Albara (East) and M Grook (East). do whenever Davis was in-volved. Davis demonstrated his precocious talent time and again and Cogdell was the beneficiary after 20 minutes when Davis weaved through on the right.

Two short corner goals from
de Groot, the second a minute
after half time, gave the im-

# Moorhouse withdraws with virus

ADRIAN Moorhouse has withdrawn from the TSB national championships being beld at Coventry from today until Sun-day (Craig Lord writes). He is suffering from a virus.

has been pre-selected for Perth

Hounslow in same group as champions

pression that at 4-0 Cambridge might have to absorb a good deal more.

But goals from Lloyd and Varnish after switched short corner moves was reward for persistence.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: Cambridge (Coventry School and Camer), Primaner (Waitord GS and St. Lohn shart of Cart (St. Googge's, Wayordon and Harbee Hall, D Grady (One Brand VI, Pre Ways, Brainingham and Harbee Hall, D Grady (One Brand VI, Pre Ways, Brainingham and Harbee Hall, D Grady (One Brand VI, Pre Ways, Brainingham and Harbee Hall, D Grady (One Camer), Annual Cornering School and Churcas, I was not considered GS and Cornes (School and Cornering Cornerin

of Birmingham, in his specialist event today.

However, with Moorhouse already pre-selected for the world championships, to be held at Perth. Australia, in January, his participation at Coventry was to be a formality.

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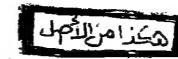
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Sharron Davies, of Bracknell, will also miss the first two days of the championship, due to the participation at Coventry was to be a formality.



# Black Humour for swift compensation

return to active duty today curtailed his season. when contesting the Powerplay Promotions Handicap Bonus will be carrying more Hurdle under top weight at

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The Charlie Brooks-trained six-year-old will be ridden by Ben de Haan, who has himself just returned to action after Iveagh House (a winner twice John Brown Memorial

Having napped Black Hum-our at Market Rasen, I feel bound to give him the benefit he is reported to be in fine cap Chase. shape and none the worse for the incident

It was too early to say whether he would have won last Friday because his fall occurred at the fifth flight the time in fourth place.

Of greater significance was the fact that he was made favourite at 5-4 on to bring to an end the impressive sequence already run up by Nineofus. As it turned out, it was his own unbeaten record that fell by the wayside.

Last season, Black Humour, who is a half-brother to the former champion hurdler, Gaye Brief, looked a natural jumper when winning his only

12.45 Kaleidos.

Going: good to soft

1.15 Aston Express.

weight than their real rating in been reassessed since beating the season by winning the

cracking race to finish second

don Richards, was simply not happy with him. Jim Thorpe is reported to be fine again As all those below No remembering that he was good enough to win the Future Champions Novices' Chase.

The best bet on the Scottish track, however, could easily be the course and distance win-

However, he did appear to be out for the last two seasons, Chase while Stairway To going well within himself at fitness is unlikely to be a Heaven (1.40) makes most roblem. appeal on the all-weather sur-He missed the whole of last face at Lingfield.

Likely implications

Late decision on Ascot favourite

for racing if Tory

Late decision on Ascot favourite

Corels make Multum In Parvo their 7-2 favourite (with a whether to run his Mackeson Cold Cup winner, Multum In Cup winner, leadership changes

A SUCCESSFUL challenge to Mrs Thatcher's leadership of the Conservative party could have two important repercussions for racing — including the future management of the Horserace Totalisator Board.

The chairmanship of the

Tote, held by Lord Wyan of Weeford, aged 72, since 1976, comes up for renewal in April. If Mrs Thatcher remains in Downing Street it is virtually certain that Lord Wyatt, a close friend of the Prime Minister, will be reappointed for a further term of office - probably two or

three years.
If Michael Heseltine or If Michael Heseltine or another Tory wins the leader-ship battle, however, Lord Wy-att's chances of staying on will be reduced severely.

The Tote chairmanship is a Downing Street-approved appointment and it is known that Home Office officials, not for the first time favour a

that Home Office officials, not for the first time, favour a change from Lord Wyatt.

With Mrs Thatcher no longer on hand to overtule such advice, a new, younger chairman would almost certainly be appointed, although there is speculation in Whitehall that Lord Wyatt has already signed a "deal" guaranteeing him the job for two years.

A change in the Tote A change in the Tote chairmanship would undoubtedly be welcomed by large sections of the racing industry, including the upper echelons of the Jockey Club. Despite Lord Wyatt's regularly repeated assertions concerning his record as chairman, many leading racing



Lord Wyatt: close friend of the Prime Minister figures believe the Tote is a

sleeping giant which is not fulfilling its potential. sleeping giant which is not fulfilling its potential.

The defeat of Mrs Thatcher would also offer hope to the bloodstock industry which is severely worried about the repercussions of changes to Value Added Tax brought about by the advent of the Single European Market in 1993.

A 15 per cent VAT rate on bloodstock transactions in Britain compared to 2.3 per cent in Ireland could destroy the home industry as the main yearing sales would be transferred from Newmarket to across the Irish Sea.

Mrs Thatcher's insistence that there should be just two rates of VAT, 0 and 15 per cent, rather than various bands as favoured by the rest of Europe, has proved part of the difficulty facing breeders, auctioneers and bloodstock agents.

The Edwards stable maintained its fine form when
Mountchor repelled the late
challenge of Height Of Fun by a
short head in the BMW Series
Chase Qualifier.

Jamie Osborne, second on
Height Of Fun and earlier on
The Jogger, went one better in
the main race of the day, the

JOHN Edwards will not decide until tomorrow morning whether to run his Mackeson Gold Cup winner, Muhum In Parvo their 7-2 favourite (with a run) while Blazing Walker was heavily backed yesterday from 7-1 to 5-1.

The Edwards stable maintained its fine form when Mountabor repelled the late the Ross-on-Wye trainer, said at Rempton Purk yesterday. "Multum In Parvo would have to carry a 4lb penalty at Ascot but in future handicaps he has gone in 10th. In view of that it is tempting to run."

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### TOWCESTER

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2.30 BLACK HUMOUR (nap). 3.30 Bounden
Duty.

Going: good

1.0 FILORAVE NOVICES HURDLE (£1,800; 2m) (18

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16 MONUL C Deputy 9-11-5 T Cartellant.
16 849 PIGARUS STORM 213 T Envirogen 6-11-5 E Sharpby.
18 439 ROADE WILL 20 M Twister-Davies 7-11-5 C Livewign. 5-2 Bit Of A Glown, 7-2 Bronze Effigy, 5-1 A Lad Insens, 16-1 Tubbs, Fighting Jessics, 15-1 others.

2.0 OLNEY HANDICAP CHASE (\$2,325: 2m 50yd)

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230 POWERPLAY PROMOTIONS HANDICAP **HURDLE** (£2,127; 2m) (10) 1 19-F BLACK HUMOUR & (BF,D.Q.S) C Brooks 5-11-12 B do Hone

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3.0 ANGLIA NEWS HANDICAP CHASE (E2,490:

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5 22-3 CELTIC CRACKLE 9 (C.F) P Consist 10-10-0 R Syrange 7-4 Bizaga Motors, 5-2 Headin' On, 4-1 Warner's End, 5-1 Boler Cloud, 8-1 Cellic Cracids.

3.30 TOWCESTER NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE

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5 P.G. COUNT TREVISIO 20 M Brown 6-10-5... M Janes (5)
5 F-54 WELSH COMMANGER 12 (0) Q Grassy 7-10-4 R Grant
7 -0-0 MESSFELD 8 K Morgan 4-10-0... M Janes (5)
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8 -330 CAPTADI KRAYYAN 27 (8) 7 McQovern 4-10-0...
9 807- TEE CU 250 (7) J King 5-10-0... M Bowley
10 485- HIGH CHATEAU 280 J Spearing 5-10-0... M Bowley
11 394- SPRINCE UGHT 227 W Mann 7-10-0... D Gallingher
13 976- RANN-N-SUN 9 J Horrs 4-10-0... D Gallingher
13 976- MATIVE ROMANCE 213 J Jonath 5-10-0 D Styrms (7)
14 4020 RANN-N-SUN 9 J Horrs 4-10-0... J A Harris
15 400 SWISS PRINCESS 9 T Donnelly 5-10-0... A 3 Smith (7)
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TRAINERS: T MoGovern, 3 winners from 5 runners, 80.0%; J Joseph, 4 from 11, 36.4%; C Brooks, 3 from 13, 23.1%; P Cundell, 5 from 27, 18.5%; Mrs J Pernan, 10 from 81, 16.4%; J Rong, 7 from 46, 15.2%.
OGREYS: A S Smith, 4 witners from 6 ridee, 68.7%; E Murphy, 7 from 35, 20.0%; M Pitmen, 6 from 31, 18.4%; M Pernet, 5 from 30, 18.7%; B de Haan, 10 from 81, 16.4%; D Signan, 3 from 18, 15.8%.

2.10 BULWARK HANDICAP (ES,114: 7f) (16)

### Selections By Mandarin

12.10 Relentless Pursuit. 12.40 Texan Clamour. 1.10 Dream On. 1.40 Stairway To Heaven. 2.10 Dreamawhile. 2.40 Dr Maccarter. 3.10 Verdeuse. 3.40 Saint Systems.

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Going: standard Draw: high numbers best up to 7f 12.16 ALBION MAIDEN STAKES (DIV 1: 2-Y-O: 22,260: 6f) (9 runners) 

6-4 Relandess Pursuit, 7-2 Final Offer, 5-1 Straight Chaser, 7-1 Quintessential, 12-1 Tentier Spot, 14-1 others. 12.40 LEVIATHAN CLAIMING STAKES (DIV 1: 2-Y-O: 92,406: 1m) (12)

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11-8 Red Poppy, 9-2 Rece To Time, 6-1 Prime Mover, 8-1 La Gassonade, Miss Burtlett, 10-1 Drawn On, 14-1 others. 1.40 LEVIATHAN CLAIMING STAKES (DIV II: 2-Y-O: 22,385: 1m) (12)

1.10 ALBION MAIDEN STAKES (DIV IL: 2-Y-C:

2.10 BUL-WARK HARBICAP (ES,114: 71) (10)

1 1016 DREARRAWHE 34 (D,F) P Welvyn 3-8-10. O Sincter 5
2 1905 RESTONE 39 (B,C,F,Q,S) G Lawler 7-9-9 Paul Siddery 18
3 00-3 HALOX 208 J Sacciffs 4-9-8. If Wighten 18
4 5533 BULL DHART 12 (CD,F,Q) W Peeros 5-9-2. D McKey 14
5 3-50 ASSIGNMENT 18 (D,F,G) M Prescott 7-9-0. G Doffsed 13
5 7290 NELAWE 15 (B,D,F,Q) M Prescott 7-9-0. G Doffsed 13
7 1294 BUGSSY ROSE 15 Pair Michael 4-5-12... Rox Hillis (2) 3
8 4130 SHRIMG JEWEL 12 (P) E Eidn 3-8-12... B Creativy 90
9 5350 LONDON STANDARD 7 (C) P Mitchel 5-8-10 W Ryan 1
10 6403 DOMKING LAD 17 (CD,F,G,H) M Tompiles 5-8-6. R Hillis 2
11 2001 MCCONTO 33 (V,D,F) C Elecy 3-8-5...... Dale Gibson 8
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12 2040 SCANTEC 197 (8) M Perhanton-Goddy 8-2
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# Results from yesterday's two meetings

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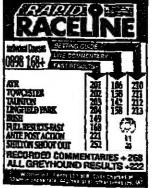
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Blinkered first time



BLACK Humour, whose fall races at Hereford and Uttox- term because his trainer, Gorat Market Rasen on Friday eter. He was particularly resulted in Peter Scudamore impressive on the latter track breaking a leg, makes a quick before an attack of sore shins

the extended handicap, the obvious danger to Black Humour is Stupid Cupid, who has recovering from injuries sus-tained while schooling.

Royal Cracker, who ran a

to Another Coral at Cheltenof the doubt now, especially as one better in the Obney Handicap Chase.

At Ayr, it will be interesting to see how that good chaser.

Jim Thorpe, fares when he

Jim Thorpe, fares when he makes his comeback in the Mellerays Belle Challenge Cup. As he has won first time vices Champagne Novices.

Selections

By Mandarin

Michael Scely's selection: 12.45 Kaleidos.

1986: DALE PARK 10-7 G McCourt (5-2) N Ticker 18 ren

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1.15 JOHN BROWN MEMORIAL TROPHY (Intermediate Handicap Chase: £4,074: 3m

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1.45 MELLERAYS BELLE CHALLENGE CUP (Limited Handicap Chase: £8,080: 2m) (3

1988: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS and THORPE off to Midnight Court at Westerby (2m 50yd, good) in the Midnight Court at Westerby (2m 50yd, good) in December 1986; previously 127 and to Desert Orchid at Bandown (2m 18yd, good). Desert Orchid at Bandown (2m 18yd, good) before the Bandown (2m 18yd, good) before the Bandown (2m 18yd, good) to firmth the Bandown (2m 18yd, good). Selection: DEEP FLASH

**Course specialists** 

Lang section: Colema 94.
BETTING: 11-8 Asian Express, 16-8 Scorer 8d8, 8-1 Column Color, 9-7 Oceanics.
1888: NO COMMISSIONS RACE

12.45 CULROY JUVENILE HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,892: 2m) (14 runners)

**McCourt on Celtic Shot** 

GRAHAM McCourt will replace the injured Peter Scudamore on Cehic Shot in the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury on Saturday week (Christopher Goulding writes). "There should be no problems with Graham taking the ride as he knows the horse very well." Charlie Brooks, his in if the ground is firm."

2.15 Noble Raider.

Guide to our in-line racecard 108 (12) 0-0632 0000 TIMES 74 (CD,SK,F,O,II) (Mrs. D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 .......... S West (4) Receased number. Draw in brackets. Sk-figure form (F - hell. F - pulled up. U - unsessed rider. B - bracket down. S - slipped up. R - refused. B - disqualified. Norwar's nume. Days since test pood to firm, hard. G - good. D - disqualified. Norwar in the course lest outling. J if surge, F if fiel. (B - blinters. b rackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider virtues. H - hood. E - Eyeshield. G - course witner. D - distance winner. CD - course and handicapter's rating.

2.16 HIGHLAND SPRING/ROA NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: 22,110: 2m 4f) (13

1986: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

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COMMONS best Excitable Lady 128 in National Hunt
Flut race at Leopardsgown (2m, feery) in February

Bellection: MESTER TUFTIE (emp)

2.45 BENNAN NOVICES CHASE (£3,687: 2m 5f) (7 runners) T Reed o #8

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heavy) in 1986, in 170
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3.15 CAPRINGTON HANDICAP HURDLE (Amateurs: £1,935: 2m) (10 runners)

1981: HO CORRESPONDING RACE

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BTAY AWAKE head 2nd to Descrip Hiver at Haydock (2m, first) in May. BASIC FUR 41 2nd to Believier BASIC FUR 41 2nd to 2.45 CATERING MANAGEMENT SERVICES CHAMPAGNE NOVICES CHASE (E2,320: 3m) (13 runners)

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Selections By Mandarin

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TRAINERS

2.45 Mandraki Shuffle. 3.15 By Line. 3.45 Tudor D'Or. 1.15 Cache Fleur. 45 Turnberry Dawn. 2.15 One For The Boys. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.45 MANDRAKI SHUFFLE.

Going: good to firm 1.15 NECKTIE NOVICES HURDLE (£1,716: 2m 3f) (12 runners)

BETTING: 9-4 Loftiness, 3-1 Ceche Pieur, 9-2 Draw Polter, 11-2 The Stater, 7-1 Peak Royale, 1 Ashfield Boy, 16-1 others.
1988: OUR SURVIVOR 5-10-13 R Beggan (7-1) Miss H Kright 12 ran 1.45 NOVEMBER HANDICAP CHASE (£2,290: 3m) (6 runners) 

SETTING: 7-4 Rare Bid, 5-2 Turnbarry Davin, 4-1 A Boy Named Slout, 5-1 Cantorial, 12-1 Gustavus ilprus, 16-1 Cretaes Men. 1989: HIGH HAM DLUES 7-10-9 S Earle (7-4 fav) D Berons 11 ran 2.15 HEADSCARF JUVENILE NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,744; 2m 110yd)

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# **Butcher** given Sillett's

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By DENNIS SHAW

TERRY Butcher will be player-manager of Coventry City today to replace John Sillett, who was released from his contract six months early yesterday. Butcher flew to Birmingham for final talks with John Poynton, the Coventry City chairman, after a £500,000 transfer deal had been agreed with Rangers.

The appointment will be announced at a press con-ference today, following 24 hours of change that took Coventry City supporters by surprise. "I've always wanted to be a manager," Butcher, whose days at Ibrox appeared to be numbered after a public rift with the club's manager, Graeme Souness, said. "This is an ideal challenge for me."
"Opportunities like it don't

come along very often," he said. "Coventry have a strong squad of players, including Kevin Drinkell, whom I played alongside with Rangers. I would like to be able to repeat the success I've had at

Butcher is heading into a new phase of his career after retiring from the England team and losing his position at Rangers. It became clear that he would have to leave the out his most cultured repre-Glasgow club after Souness issued a statement last week, claiming that Butcher had refused to play in the Skol Cup final against Celtic on October 28 and had lost his affection for the Scottish champions.

Butcher, who was recovering from a knee injury, is thought to have been disconcerted by an effort by Rangers to transfer him to Leeds earlier in the week of the cup

Despite their differences, Sources has recently repeated his description of Butcher as the most important signing he has made for Rangers since becoming manager in 1986.

Butcher's way to Coventry was opened earlier in a statement from Poynton which said that Sillett had made it clear he would not sign a new contract next summer, and was being released imme-

The speed of it all clearly surprised Sillett, who was ill at home yesterday with the symptoms of jaundice and in the board that I would not take up a new contract at the end of my current one," he said. "I was ready to carry on but wanted to give them time to prepare. The timing of it

started the season disappointingly in the first division, 48 hours before a home game against Liverpool.

# Taylor's old boy rescues the Irish

FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT DUBLIN

Republic of Ireland.

ENGLAND were yesterday on the verge of breaking one of the world's most substantial records. The Republic of Ireland, unbeaten on their own soil since March 1986, were ten minutes away from defeat in the European football championship qualifying tie at Lansdowne Road when Tony Cascarino rose to preserve the lengthy run.

Therein lay an ironic twist. Cascarino was bought by Gra-ham Taylor for £1.5 million last season to reinforce Aston Villa's fading championship challenge. Eight comparatively lean months later, the expensive centre forward was responsible for spoiling the unblemished sequence of the England manager. His side had neither conceded a goal nor dropped a point.

Poignantly, David Platt, another of Taylor's old boys at Villa, had put England ahead and given them a glimpse of a historic victory. Since Wales left here in triumph more than four years ago, 22 visitors had tried and failed to overcome Jack Charlton's awkward and unsophisticated team.

Taylor chose to attempt to dismantle the Irish myth withsentatives. Already without the injured John Barnes, he had to leave out Chris Waddle, who has a damaged ankle, and he also dared to omit Paul Gascoigne. Of the last 13 internationals, he had missed only one, and that through

Although the decision was considered controversial, the inevitably raw and redblooded occasion would not have suited Gascoigne. In midfield England required controlled aggression, personi-fied by Pearce and McMahon, and calm temperament, as exemplified by Cowans (whose last appearance in the national line-up coincided, in-cidentally, with Ireland's last defeat) and Platt.

Adams, equally logically, was brought back after a year's absence to counter the aerial threat posed by the elongated recalled in place of Bull to offer Lineker greater assistance. With Walker covering his taller central defensive formation. though laced with caution, made sense.

Since familiarity had been bred between the two sides, both in their weekly work in could have been better," he said.

Butcher is due to take up his duties, with a team which has and fluent exhibition. The style of the Irish, the gusting wind and the surface, which resembled a ploughed field, turned the afternoon into even

more of an unappealing mess. When dark clouds scudded in from the west, bringing slanting rain with them, the picture refreshed the mem-ories of the numbingly tedious World Com the in Castieri World Cup tie in Cagliari which was staged amid a thunderstorm five months ago. At least the two sides were more positive but the quality was again indisputably poor.

England, with only four survivors from the collision in Sardinia, might have taken a hearteningly early lead at the end of the one charmingly constructive move amid an otherwise wretched first half. It was started and ended by men who were eager to crase painful recollections of the

McMahon, whose error in Cagliari allowed Sheedy to score Ireland's equalizer, reeased Pearce on a vacant left flank. In turn he freed Lineker, who admits that he missed several opportunities to pun-ish the Irish in the European championship tie in Stuttgart two years ago. He did so again.

Yet the captain played a valuable and lonely role up front. He alone seemed genu-inely capable of controlling a ball which, when it was not being propelled into the stratosphere, bobbled over the appallingly rutted surface and was swept hither and thither by the swirling wind.

England survived a particularly uncomfortable period after cautions had been issued to Beardsley, O'Leary and Whelan (apparently for a foul committed by McCarthy). Yet, apart from Whelan's driven free kick, Woods was not directly threstened. He would have been if the referee had interpreted Dixon's push on Townsend as an offence worthy of a penalty.

The England goalkeeper was alarmed by a bizarre incident on the hour. Mo-Carthy, from a couple of yards inside his own half, launched a free kick that was carried by the wind, and Woods, stumbling in retreat, was relieved to see it graze the top of the bar. The 55-yard shot encapsulated Ireland's approach.

England were rarely able to design any attacks, let alone to go forward smoothly, but their goal in the 69th minute represented a gleam of tin in an otherwise leaden sea. The move was threaded between Platt, Lineker and Pearce before Dixon crossed low for



Platt to apply the finishing touch.

Cascarino, holding off the challenge of Pearce and Adams, equalized from Staunton's cross to light the flames of belated Irish hope, but England held out. The point they gained is valuable, and perhaps even decisive, es-pecially for the manager who risked incurring the national derision for dropping the

 England players seemed surprised when their national anthem was not played before the match. The Republic of Ireland players broke ranks after their own anthem was completed, leaving the Eng-land team standing to atten-tion in the centre of the pitch and awaiting God Save The Queen. The anthems of both nations are usually played

# Gascoigne omission justified

From Peter Ball IN DUBLIN

GRAHAM Taylor's decision to omit Paul Gascoigne may not have added to the spectacle at Lansdowne Road, but, with a point securely in the bag, the England manager did not have to apologise.

The easiest decision would have been to leave him in." Taylor said, "but that would have been going against my instincts. Knowing what type of same it was soing to be, in my mind I couldn't honestly see Paul being able to get enough touches to have any influence."

The England manager refused to claim that the omission of Gascoigne had required bravery, but there was no mistaking his readiness to brave criticism when he added: "I hope it shows that I will pick what I consider to be the right team for each individual game."
Taylor found a ready sup-

porter in his opposite number.

Jack Chariton. "Paul's a great player on the ball and a good finisher," Charlton said, "but his best play is in the last third of the field, and Graham went for a more competitive mid-field.

"It was as hard as nails out there, there was a lot of passion, no one flinched a tackie all afternoon and Paul has got a lot of ability on the ball, but he's not the best ball winner off it."

Ironically, the goalscorers vere both under Taylor's wing at Villa Park, with David Platt widely recognised as one of the great buys of Taylor's career. Cascarino was another matter, as the player

"Graham bought me for a lot of money with the clear intention that I would win him the title last season," he said, "but I'm afraid that just didn't happen. Maybe I let him down, but I've come back to haunt him in this match."

# England pinch a point yet pose new questions

THE means justifies the end. Or does it? In a match if anything even more shaneless than that in Cagliari in the World Cup, England earned an important point yet surrendered much of the credibility with which they had finished their World Cup campaign. It was a match which posed

In a madhouse of frantic challenge, on the ground and in the air, neither side played. three consecutive passes more often that, in my seat in the upper deck of the grandstand, I regularly thought I was about become involved in the

In one sense, Graham Taylor succeeded with his controversial though justifi-able gamble of omitting Gascoigne from midfield. Selecting McMabon to anchor the central midfield, immediately in front of the defence, gave England some stability. Yet the benefit was counter-balanced by the fact that McGrath, in spite of a bad knee, totally dominated the veteran and now mute Cowans, preferred to Gas-

Plant had little change in his confrontation with Whelan, apart from the superbly judged run that brought England's goal, and it must be doubtful whether Gascoigne would have made an impact within the general turmoil.

The memory, for English viewers, will be of constant confusion in the centre of England's defence. Adams showed all the frailties which were familiar when he played in the European champ-ionship finals of 1988. Wright, obsessed with the manager's insistence that the defence should not play deep, was more often in the fray as a marker, contesting high balls alongside Walker and Adams, than dropping off to pick up deflected balls as a sweeper.

DAVID MILLER

the whole England defence was regularly turned, exactly as Ireland intended, with Adams and, even occasionally, more questions than it Walker making errors under pressure. In the last quarter of an hour of each half, England lived in constant alarm. There was an awful moment three strung out. minutes from time when than half a dozen times. The Pearce miskicked only for Houghton to squander a gap-

ing chance. Predictably, England's full backs, Dixon and Pearce, found themselves effectively in midfield opposition against Townsend and Houghton. Not surprisingly, the Irish pair looked the better footballers.

Dixon's limitations were at times a liability and Taylor, in the future, must surely consider whether he should continue with full backs against opposition with no wingers when the need is more for midfield flexibility. Playing with a sweeper and two central defenders would have look more sound if England had controlled the midfield. As it was, for all Mc-

Mahon's resolution, England were at times playing three against four in the middle third of the pitch. Townsend was justifiably named man of the match — though not much ahead of McMahon — even if hardly the ultimate in prestige.
The oddest decision by Taylor seemed to me the exclusion of Parker, who is the

quickest of the defensive players and a far more controlled tackler than Dixon. It can, and indeed should, be argued that this was a one-off-occasion to be repeated unfortunately next year at Wembley - and that it does not give a guide to the future any more than did the match in Cagliari.

It did, however, give a guide to individuals and, in that

Cowans, Adams or Dixon; nor, too much of the time, for Woods. The number of times he came for a high ball simultaneously with his central defenders and missed it

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was potentially disastrous, though never punished. The question of understanding between goalkesper and defence is one which must be solved in a hurry, though the number of matches available are inevitably widely

Up front, Lineker and Beardsley attempted to build stantly found themselves like commuters trying to go the opposite way against a rushhour crowd. There were only two moments of clear cohesion for England, from the

second of which they scored. In the 68th minute, Lineker, who throughout looked like a Derby runner caught up in some rural point-to-point, slipped the ball to the right where McMahon and Dixon were both free in a quick counter-attack, which had begun from a mishit clearance by Woods. Dixon's well-judged final pass across the goalmouth to the galloping Platt seemed, for the next 12 minutes, to have stolen both

points. The previous clear opening. in the eleventh minute, had also involved McMahon, this time with the other full back. When Pearce glided the ball square, Lineker sliced his shot such a title on such a day was as Bonner came off the line and left the goal gaping almost as he had done in

England were exceedingly lucky not to give away either of two penalties which might have been awarded against Wright and Dixon in the first half for respective fouls on Quinn and Townsend.

The match was indeed a purist's nightmare but, for the committed, it ran along on an unending stream of highly charged incident. England can be thankful to have escaped analysis, there was not too with something in the bank.

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# The consequence was that FIH decision rules out England

By ALIX RAMSAY THE arguments about which women's bockey team should represent Britain in the Olympic qualifying competition next year began anew yesterday when it was announced that the International Hockey Federation (FIH) was expect-ing Great Britain, and not

England, to take part.
The news, which was re-leased by the Great Britain women's hockey Olympic committee. about-face on the part of the

Two years ago, Great Britain proposed that they should take part in the qualifying competition but Etienne Glitich, the president of the FIH, wrote to the Great Britain hockey board, saying that a nominated team, Eng-fory and frustration in its land, Scotland or Wales, wake as Barbara Holland, ing Union.

New Zealand next October. For the last two years, both Great Britain and England the nominated country - have been working on the basis of

So when in October the FIH announced that Great Britain was one of the teams eligible play in New Zealand, members of the management committees of both England and Great Britain thought it was a mistake. Now they have learnt it was not.

For its part, the FIH claimed to be surprised at the confusion. It maintains that the minutes of its meeting in Great Britain is the only team eligible to qualify for a place in

We thought that we knew

the Olympics. The battle has left a trail of fory and frustration in its

Women's Hockey ation, explained:

"There seems to be a dis crepancy between the minutes of the meeting and that letter. Our official reaction was that

what we were doing and since 1988 we made our plans on the basis that we were going to the qualifying tournament. It is disappointing for the manager, the coach and the players who have worked so hard to qualify to go to New Zealand ning fourth in the World

"I am desperately sorry for the players. They have been pushed from pillar to post and were looking forward to next year and now they are told they are not going." Caught at the sharp end of

Cardwell, the England

"I feel helpless," she said. "I don't know what to tell the players. People want to know why things have changed and nobody is giving us any answers. I honestly believe the FIH should come forward with an explanation."

European draw, page 40

Place for Marling

Sally Marting, aged 14, has been chosen for England's final group match against Netherlands in the European women's table tennis league in Groningen on Tuesday. Marling, from Yorkshire, was heavily defeated on her debut | question of reducing numbers | have a sympathetic view." during the recent tour of

# Britain make a move to set new standards

Games.

BRITAIN'S Olympic compet-itors in Barcelona in 1992 will be of the highest quality possible following a strict selection policy adopted by the British Olympic Association (BOA) general purposes committee yesterday.

All British competitors will now need to show the potential to finish in the leading 16 of their respective events, or must meet worldwide selection standards set by their international federations, to be considered for selection.
"We must have some kind

of quality control," Dick Palmer, the BOA general sec-retary, said. "We have been pleased with the positive response of our member sports

Sir Arthur Gold, the BOA chairman, said: "Britain's Olympic competitors must set an example to the sporting youth of the nation. This new policy shows our responsible attitude towards the need to reduce overall numbers at the

conflict slightly with Palmer's view. But Mike Farrell, secretary of the Amateur Athletic Association, said that Gold was merely being realistic.
"We obviously view with some concern the statement made by the BOA but can understand the reasons behind it," Farrell said. "If we had a borderline case, we on this issue. It is not a would hope that they would

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# Spirit of makeshift Scottish team surprises Bulgarians

From Roddy Forsyth IN SOFIA

A MAKESHIFT collection of players, who had an average of only a dozen caps each, se-cared Scotland's status as favourites to qualify for the finals of the European championship for the first time.

They led for most of the Match after an early goal by McCoist and rarely looked like surrendering their advantage, although they endured one period of intense Bulgarian pressure in the first balf. Forced to scavenge for tal-ent to compose a credible

international team, Andy Roxburgh, the Scotland coach, discovered yet again that in adversity his players are capable of reaching deep into their reserves of character. Special mention must be made of the indefrigable Durie, whose persistent running and tackling, as well as his distribution personified the Scots performance. Also outstanding were the central defensive pair of McPherson

and Gillespie.
In midfield, too, where the Scots had feared that they might be overrun, McInally, of Dundee United, and McAl-lister, of Leeds United, formed a balanced and attrac-

tive partnership.
It was in the Vassil Levaki stadium three years ago that Scotland ended Bulgaria's hopes of reaching the finals hopes of reaching the finals Syrakov was offered an un-with a 2-1 victory. The home opposed header, but he team were once more left to glanced his effort wide. rue the spirit of their visitors.

The first half was heartening ever, the Bulgarians rarely for Scotland, although looked the formidable side

### Group two

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decision to ignore their claim for a penalty when Boyd slid into Syrakov and brought him to the ground. However, Herr Kaupe, judged that Syrakov had begun to fall before the Scot made contact and examination of the television

eree had been correct. This followed the Scots' only confused moment of the opening 45 minutes when three attempts to clear the lines around Goram ended in failure and allowed Penev to

He contrived to curve a shot around the goalkeeper from an acute angle and the ball came off the crossbar to fall beyond the opposite edge of the area, where Durie was obliged to foul Balakov to ease the pressure. From the free kick

These incidents aside, how-

# Uefa moves to restrict contact

pean governing body, Uefa, is considering forbidding the use of walkin-talkies by coaches who have been barned from the touchline for disciplinations. considering for bothes who committee meets again next bave been barned from the touchline for disciplinary reasons.

Thirty German supporters were arrested and 12 injured in

"We are aware of this use of high technology to circumvent what is a punishment for misbehaviour," Rene Eberle, Uefa's control and disciplinary comparities on halfroble The Indian Ocean mittee spokesman, said yes island of Zanzibar is to host the terday. "It is a loophole that East and Central Africa Senior should be closed and we are Challenge Cup tournament next ng it."

· Eberie was responding to a report that Uli Stielike, the reports). Swiss coach, intended to use a James Tirop, the secretary of the Confederation of Football being banned from the pitch for Switzerland's group two Euro-nual tournament would be. Switzerland's group two Euro-pean championship match in San Marino yesterday.

Stielike, a former German World Cup player, was banned for three matches for persistent

protests about refereeing de-cisions during his side's 2-1 defeat against Scotland in Glas-gow last month. The Swiss football association has appealed against the ban. Eberle confirmed that the ban included all access to the field

and the team's dressing room.
Stielike said he would talk to his
players before the match and
during the break. "Mr Stielike is a spectator at

this match," Erberie said. "Our official observer has been given the necessary instructions to ensure be stays one."

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Rioting by German supporters at a European championship qualifying match against Luxembourg last month is on Luxembourg last month is on

FISHING

# Refreshing approach to a forgotten friend

By JACK CROSSLEY

THERE are fish that are stunningly beautiful and fish that are frighteningly ugly. It makes no matter. They all have devoted Gibbinson's book is packed followers; some fishermen go so far as to pay homage to eels. Jim Gibbinson is a tench man and has written a book revealing

his devotion to this slimy species, even after calling them stupid, Cinderella fish. Stupid, because they never wearn to move on once anglers have discovered where to catch them. Cinderellas, because they have been overtaken by the cult

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with the usual technical information to be found in most fishing books, but has two added ents not often found in this oversubscribed area of publishing it is entertainingly written and it is controversial.

"God, I hate anglers," he writes in one chapter, revealing how a favourite swim was vandalised by "some of the morons with whom we are compelled to share our waters". He also hates keep nets, and writes: 'No fish should be

retained in a keep net — ever.
The abolition of keep nets
would be a major conservation
measure and would lead to a dramatic improvement in the condition and survival rate of captured fish. Yes, it would captured had. Its, it would mean an end to conventional match-fishing -- but the practice of retaining fish in keep nets is completely indefensible and we have to decide which is more important, match fishing or conservation. My answer is: 'No

Barbed letters will almost certainly appear in the angling

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Tench, by Jim Gibbinson.
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Henlow Camp, Bedfordshire.

their 3-0 victory over Roma nia in Bucharest last month. The vulnerability in central defence which Roxburgh had previously believed to be an evident fault, was exposed by

the Scots' first serious attack. Boyd belied the fact that he was making only his third appearance for Scotland with a forceful surge down the left flank. He showed the ball to Dochev and then knocked it past the full back.

Boyd then delivered the kind of cross which European goalkeepers dislike most, curling away from goal towards the penalty spot. Sure enough Mihailov came for it, flapped at the ball and succeeded only in pushing it towards Durie, from whose knee it rebounded. As the ball fell back towards the far post McCoist arrived to shoot low into the

seventieth minute when Stoy-chkov cut the ball low back replay indicated that the ref-

# the type for Taylor

month, a regional football of-ficial said yesterday (Reuter staged on Zanzibar from

December 8 to 19. Zauzibar last hosted the event in 1976 when Uganda won the title. They won it again last Year.
Tirop added that the 1990 tournament has been divided into two groups. Group A will comprise Zanzibar, Malawi, Tanzania and Zimbabwe, and

Group B Sudan, Kenya, Ethio-pia and Uganda.

The semi-finals of the tournament, which is to be held in Zanzibar's Amani stadium, are set for December 17, with the final two days later.

The Challenge Cup has its origins in the Gossage Cup, a trophy donated by a Kenyabased British businessman in the earth 1930s to promote East

# course to take in £25m

THE Rugby World Cup's commercial advisers made yesterday a bullish response to criticism that the economic side on the 1991 tournament could fall short of expectation (David Hands writes). Despite the recession, Alan Callan, the managing director of CPMA, said he expected the event to raise not less than £25 million, of which nearly half would come from television and video

rights.
With little more than ten months to go before the tournament begins in Britain, Ireland and France, the organisers have been buffeted by requests for information about the sponsorship programme — on which subject only one major company, Heinz UK, has gone public. But Callan remains confident that the major sponsors, in different extensions such as in different categories such as brewers, soft drinks, computers, carriers and power generators, are all at advanced stages of

negotiation.

Callan said that agreement on the proposed eight major spon-sors had been difficult to organise because they had to cross the laws of three different countries — that is France, Ireland and England, Scotland

mand Wales.

"Rugby World Cup has not been recognised within the corporate culture as a four-yearly event," Callan said. "That is changing and will affect the way we look at the 1995



vacant net. It took Bulgaria an hour to haul themselves on to This they achieved in the

TENNIS came a step closer to a unified programme of drug-testing yesterday at the ATP world championships in Frank-furt when the Association of Termis Professionals and the Women's Tennis Association

announced a joint procedure for testing for 1991.

across the goalmouth. Failure to clear permitted Todorov, who had come on as a substitute for Balakov, scope for a drive which deflected off McKimmie and looped over Goram to drop below the crossbar for an equaliser which guaranteed that the Scots would endure a torrid

BULGARMA: B Williadov (Baisnemeas): P Dochev (Loiomotiv Sada), D Mindesser (CSKA), Z Yankov (Lavsky), K Burkov (CSKA), R Yankov (CSKA), G Yordanov (Sigori, H Steepchov (Barcalona)), L Penev (Valencia), N Syrakov (Español), K Balallov (Esp.)
SCOTLAND: A Goesse (Hibertsky), S McKimmie (Aberdeen), M Malpas (Dundee Urd), J Michaelly (Dundee Urd), G Michaellov (Hosat of Middetham), G Gileaple (Liverpool), G Duzie (Chelste, sub: P Novin, Everton), G McAllister (Led Urland), A McClait (Rangers), B McClair (Manchester United), T Boyd Middethawali.

# Wegerle is

By GEORGE ACE

ROY Wegerle, the talented young forward, of Queen's Park Rangers, faces an international dilemma of whether to throw in his lot with England or pursue his World Cup ambitions with the United States. He went a long way towards proving he is real England material at Windsor Park, Belfast, en Tuesday. Playing for the Football Playing for the Football League side against the Irish League, Wegerle produced a dazzling array of ball skills and spared the blushes of a League side — valued at around £20 million — with a country of the country o million — with a superb equalising goal on the hour.

Born in South Africa, Wegerle, aged 23, is married to an American, which makes him eligible to play for the United States in the 1994 World Cup. It will, however, be a surprise if Graham Taylor, the England manager, allows him to escape Clough, with his superb dis-tribution and general awareness up front, Le Tissier, of the subtle

touch, and Pallister, a commanding figure at the back and ever-ready to advance, were the pick of the Football League side along with Wegerle.

For the part-timers of the Irish League, who could pos-sibly be purchased lock, stock and barrel for less than £200,000, Neill had an

outstanding game at right back while Strain, who won the manof-the-match award, was reliable at the heart of the defence.

A crowd of 3,600 turned up and Murray's strike in the 38th minute, following a glorious four-man counter-strack also featuring Byrne, Douglas and Burrows, was a moment to

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The main problem is to persuade countries such as France, where testing for sporting events is compulsory anyway, to accept the joint programme. At the French Open this year, testing procedures implemented by the government were so hapharard that the Transit of the tests. Under the new policy, which divides drugs into performance-enhancing and non-performance-enhancing drugs, players will be automatically suspended will be automatically suspended for nine months for a first offence and banned for life for a occarde and common for me for a second offence if they are tested positive for performance-enhancing drugs such as steroids or masking agents.

Return to sender: Lend! puts his stamp of authority on this shot as he beats Muster

Joint tests for drugs agreed

By Andrew Longmore, tennis correspondent

prohibited substances and puts the associations in line with testing procedures already set down by the ITF, in conjunction

with the IOC, at their meeting in

Athens in July,

year. The agreement with the his most authoritative performance and first straight-sets prohibited substances and puts victory since the final of the US

Open in September.

just kicking his serve in, letting me dictate. He served unbeliev-

ably well," the US Open cham-pion said.

Despite continued pain from his shins, Sampras responded to that defeat by returning to his

backhand volley in the ninth game to win 6-2 6-4.

"Things have happened very quickly for me this year and I still have to prove that I can play

with the big boys, but if I play like I did today, I am capable of winning here," he said.

RESULTS: A Agesti (US) bt P Sampras (US), 6-4, 6-2; T Landi (Cz) bt T Muster (Austria), 6-3, 6-3; P Sampras bt E Sanchez (Sp), 6-2, 6-4.

the WTA refused to accept the results of the tests.

On court, Emilio Sánchez's challenge in the ATP championships effectively ended yesherday heafter the property of the back-netting heafter the property of the second of the back-netting heafter the property of the second of the back-netting heafter the property of the second of the back-netting heafter the property of the second of the back-netting heafter the property of the second of the back-netting heafter the property of the second of the back-netting heafter the property of the second of the back-netting to the property of the second of the back-netting to the property of the second of the back-netting to the property of the second of the back-netting to the property of the second of the back-netting to the property of the second of the back-netting to the property of the second of the back-netting to the property of the second of the back-netting to the property of the second of the back-netting to the property of the back-netting to the property of the back-netting the back-netting the property of the back-netting th Testing will be carried out challenge in the ATP champion-randomly on the men's and ships effectively ended yes-women's tours, with standard terday before Boris Becker's had halfway through the second set women's tours, with standard procedures recognised by the International Olympic Committee. Any player found guilty of taking non-performance-enhancing or "social" drugs will have mandatory treatment paid for by the ATP or WTA. But the results of the latter tests will not be released describe criticism of begum. Sánchez, beaten by Stefan Edberg in three sets the previous night, also lost to Pete Sampus and, as the only player in the top 10 in singles and doubles con make state presence. doubles, can make early passage to Australia, where he is due to partner Sergio Casal in the finals of the doubles championships be released, despite criticism of that secrecy in the past. next week.

After his defeat by Agassi in his opening group match, Sampras kept alive his chance of The ATP has been operating its own drug-testing programme since 1987 but has tested players

### ORDER OF PLAY: I Lend v A Gómez, B Becker v T Muster, A Agessi v E Sánchez. **Graf out of sorts but** Wood forced to drop out still too commanding of last eight

From Barry Wood in New York

STEFFI Graf, struck down again by sickness, was taken to the edge of defeat by a tenacious Jennifer Capriati in the first round of the Virginia Stims championship here, but sur-vived to win 6-3, 5-7, 6-3. Whether she will finish the week, though, remains to be seen. She was unable to attend

seen. She was imagic to attend the post-match interview, and it was left to a spokeswoman from the Women's Tennis Associ-ation to announce that Graf was suffering from flu and nausea. Last week, in New England, the week anneyer by taking antibackhand and powerful fore-hand service returns and passes often left Graf helpless.

Had Graf not enjoyed the cushion of a start that saw her win the first 13 points, the outcome might well have been different, not because Capriati is ready to beat Graf, but because room bealth has once again she was apparently taking anti-biotics in response to a virus, and had considered withdrawing from this week's tour-nament. Martina Navratilova's absence, because of injury, an-nounced last Friday, may have influenced Graf's decision not

not be in much better condition",

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**Group seven** 

Group two

In fact, she looked dreadful against Capriati, pale and in great distress, and it was surpris-ing that she completed the match. Fortunately, she received some assistance from Capriati, who, having raised her arms in triumph at winning the second set, proceeded to serve three double faults

But she served extremely well, at speeds of up to 100mph, and her driving, double-handed backhand and powerful fore-

poor health has once again proved to be her greatest Opportunition
RESULTA: First round: C Mertinez (Sp) bt
Z Garrison (US), 6-3, 6-0; K Maleova (Su)
bt H Sulcova (Cz), 6-3, 6-3; S Graf (Ger) bt
J Capriadi (US), 6-3, 5-7, 6-3.

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MUNICH: Stu-day reos: Final positions: 1, D Clark (Aus) and A Doyle (39), 303pds; 2, one lep beland, P Bincoletio and A Bust (th, 447; 3, O Ludwig (Ger) and U Prouter (Switz), 480; 4, A Kappes (3or) and E de Wilde (Bel), 309; 5, two laps beland, C Tourne (Bel) and J Veggerby Tlant, 240.

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EUROPEAN SUPER LEAGURE Cascinosteratios by Manual Cascinosteration by Manual Cascinosterati

TWO quarter-finalists, Clare Wood, the only British seed to reach the last eight, and Jonna Jonnerup, of Sweden, dropped out of the Texaco women's challenger townsents at Saipchallenger tournament at Swin-

Wood, from Sussex, has a stomach ailment. She was the second seed and the favourite to win the £25,000 international tournament after the with-drawal of the top seed, Sara Gomer, through injury.

In one of the surviving two matches, Sandrine Testud, aged 18, from France won her eighth match in two weeks to reach the semi-finals. She beat the fourth seed, Andrea Mueller, of Germany, 6-7, 6-4, 6-2 to join two other unseeded players in the last four.

He will be treated for the remainder of the week at a

# Late arrival of key players disrupts big match practice

Lake Nona course, have been severely disrupted by the absence of two key players.

But Mickey Walker, the captain of Europe, is convinced that despite the late arrival of Lisclotte Neumann, the former US Open champion, and Marie Laure de Lorenzi, the United States will still face a formidable challenge. Neumann is under a cloud

after accepting a lucrative offer to compete in a television exhibition match with Curtis Strange in Japan and Lorenzi was delayed in her journey from

was delayed in her journey from her native France.

"It's very unfortunate and totally out of my control," Walker said. "Liselotte's exhibition was arranged months ago, prior to the team being decided, but I think in future we will need to stipulate that all players must be available for the entire week. players must be available for the entire week.

"It's certainly not the ideal preparation for a match as important as this one and although Lisclotte knows the course she is going to have to get over jetlag. The journey from Japan to America can be pretty trough.

"But I'm convinced she will be as ready as each member of the team especially when the adrenalin starts flowing. Liselotte will perform up to her cychalls."

The trouble is that officials, including the sponsors, are determined that the most im-

EUROPE'S preparations for the portant match in the history of inaugural Solheim Cup, which women's professional golf starts here tomorrow on the Lake Nona course, have been severely disrupted by the course of the starts and the history of women's professional golf should be taken seriously. Joe Flanagan, executive disrupted by the course of the starts and the history of women's professional golf should be taken seriously. ers' European Tour, said: "My personal point of view is that if there was a similar situation in the future then the player concerned should not play in the

What also seems strange is that less than 48 hours before the start of a match which Walker claims "could transform the European golf scene", the players, of both sides, were on a visit to Universal Studios, Players in the Ryder Cup would certainly be more concerned with getting to know a course new to them rather than

new to them rather than sightseeing.

"We need a good result."

Walker said. "I don't think the players realise what it will do if we win. It would have an unbelievable effect on women's golf in Europe. Look what happened in the Ryder Cup.

"The Americans are a stronger team on paper but we have two world-class stars in Laura ger team on paper but we have two world-class stars in Laura Davies and Liselotte, who have both won the US Open, and let's face it, Europe didn't start winning the Ryder Cup until Sandy Lyle and Nick Faldo started winning majors."

The American 100 believe

The Americans, 100, believe the match will not be a walk-over. Nancy Lopez, one of their leading players, said: "Three years ago, this competition wouldn't have been viable. But the Europeans have improved so much "

# Leaders move into a rare spotlight

From John Hennessy in montpellier

IWO countries with thin traditions took their place in the limelight on the fifth day of the PGA European Tour qualifying school at La Grande Motte yesterday. Rob Huff, the American overnight leader, still clings to the lead, on 354, but has to share it with Daniel Silva and Per Haussand, the only playing Per Haugsrud, the only playing professionals of Portugal and Norway respectively.

Sampras had suffered the indignity of being outserved by Agassi, who has been working on his service over the past two months. "He was hitting hard and flat. At the US Open he was just kicking his server in letting Silva's round was golden, a 65 in a strong wind and rapidly-falling temperature, conditions which had most players settling readily for a par 72. Haugsrud scored an admirable 70, but Huff declined from 12 under par to six under parts a 78. to six under with a 78.

The best-placed British player is Steven Bottomley, who brought in a 72. "Nick Faldo stuff," he called it. Nick Job, playing his first school at the age of 41, advanced to joint 44th place with a 70 and is not far away from the target he set himself of finishing in the top 10. Only five strokes now stand between him and that aim.

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Haugsrad, aged 25, has been adopted by the Swedes and has played on their tour for three years, spurning the direct entry to the PGA School of 1988 and 1989 in the belief that he was not ready. He was not surprised at receiving his card, which seems now a formality today, but he did not expect to find himself in the lead. Three putts on the ninth, his last, prevented him from being out on his own.

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RUGBY LEAGUE

# **Doubt on Elias before** Elland Road decider

INJURY problems yesterday beset both the British and Australian camps as they prepared for the third and deciding British Coal international at Elland Road.

Worst hit are the Australians, whose hooker, Benny Elias, man of the match in the second international, was taken tohospital in what was described as "excruciating pain" to have a kidney stone removed. The Australian coach, Bobby Fulton, said: "We will be led by medical opinion on this, but we are confident that Elias will be fit for the Elland Road match."

Martin Offiah, the Great Britain wing who was taken off with a knee injury during the international at Old Trafford, is optimistic that he will be fit to play in the decider following a

ICE HOCKEY

HATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Philosophie Flyers 1, New York Rangers 1 (OT): New Jursey Devils 6, Montreal Canadiens 3; Planturgh Pengdirs 4, Minnesota North Stars 1; St Louis Blues 4, Quebec Northques 2.

NETBALL

TOUR MATCH South-East Region 49,

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CLUB MATCHEE: Bridgerd 32, South
Gismorgen Institute 14; Cambridge University
25, Crawnhay's XV 16; Neeth 36, Penarth 5;
Newbridge 11, South Wales Police 11;
Newport 22, Swennes 10; Pontypridd 11, MidDathins 8,
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Brissol 3, Wallington College 33, 18-groups
Chesther 18, Sarophine 5, Warwickshire 28,
Glousettenshire 25,
TOUR MATCHEE: Edinburgh Wanderers 17,

WEIGHTLIFTING

Fencers' farewell

East and West Germany's inter-

national fencers compete as

separate teams for the last time

when they take part in an under-20 men's foil competition at

Elephant and Castle in London

London clinic and he said yesterday: "I am hoping to be fit for Elland Road, but cannot be sure that I will make it in time for the Widnes match against Australia on Sunday." Australia on Sunday.

 Wigan is planning to take legal action against Western Suburbs, the Australian club, to obtain compensation for the games missed by Ellery Hanley since he returned injured from a guest spell with the Sydney club last year. He was suffering from as year. He was stricting from a pelvic injury and did not play for Wigan again until Decem-ber, missing 19 matches. So far, Wigan have received no response to their compensa-

tion claim despite an agreement that they would be covered in case of injury.

season, after making a profit of £69,000 during the previous 12

### IN BRIEF Sentenced for assault

MARK Rice, of Gordano rugby union club, was jailed for six months yesterday at Bristol Crown Court after striking an opponent in the face during a game in March.

He denied causing grievous bodily harm, but was found guilty on October 17. Immediate sentencing was adjourned pending social enquiry reports. Cardiff and Neath have refused to switch the date of their Heineken League match to a

BOXING: The World Boxing Association said it would sanction a bout between the world heavyweight champion, Evander Holyfield, and George Foreman on April 19 in Atlantic

 Dennis Andries, the British light-heavyweight, will defend his World Boxing Council title against Guy Waters, of Austra-lia, in Adelaide on December 7. BASEBALL: Bob Welch, of the Oakland A's, who won 27 games, won the Cy Young Award as the best pitcher in the

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# avoid 'impression of neutrality' in battle

servative party chairman, has told his 150 staff that they must not create "an imion of neutrality" in the battle for the Tory leadership. However, Mr Baker has also

made clear that he does not want his staff interfering in the leadership election or disparaging Michael Heseltine's attempt to unseat Margaret

Brendan Bruce, the director of communications at Conservative Central Office, has issued separate rules to the party's press office designed to ensure impartiality in the release of material to the

Mr Baker's injunction to his staff was set out in a confidential memorandum sent to them yesterday. It says: "Under no circumstances, will

opposing the prime ministr's leadership ... But we must not create the impression of neutraitty. We are the office of the leader of the party and support her unreservedly ... It is not appropriate for Conservative Central Office to seek to interfere in the parliamentary party exercising its responsibilities."

Mr Bruce explained that just as 10 Downing Street was the office of the prime minister, central office was the office of the leader of the party, any leader of the party. "So obviously her own office supports her."

Mr Bruce said that he had also issued strict rules to his staff about what material the central office press depart-ment could release from the close of nominations yesterday until the declaration of anyone here disparage those the first ballot of the leader-

Cranley Onslow, chairman

yesterday: "After this contest

again to see whether the rules

are suitable. I can't say what

year's challenge by Sir Anthony Meyer resulted in

proposers and seconders hav-

publicly for the first time. It

was thought that this might

prevent "stalking horse" chal-

lengers from standing.

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A similar review after last

the outcome will be."

# Call for rule change

MICHAEL Heseltine's chall- the electorate at a general enge to Mrs Thatcher could be election. the last to a sitting Tory prime minister (Phillip Webster writes). Senior party figures Webster of the 1922 committee, said are pressing for rule changes is over we might well look at it which would allow challenges to the leader only while the party is in opposition.

Members of the executive of the 1922 committee believe that the contests last year and this have been damaging to

party morale. They have argued privately that a prime minister, having been elected by the people, should be turned out only by

Baker's advice to staff came after Tory right-wingers failed to oust two incumbent officers of the 18-strong executive of the 1922 committee.

Although no direct parallels can be drawn with the leadership election, the result is likely to reassure Mr Heseltine's supporters.

Dame Jill Knight, the right-wing Conservative MP for Edghaston, failed in her at-tempt to oust Sir Geofficy Johnson Smith as a vice chairman of the committee However the result was close. Sir Geoffrey was returned

Robert Dunn, another right winger, failed to unseat Sir Giles Shaw as treasurer of the 1922 committee. At a mee last night of the full 1922 committee, Cranley Onslow told MPs of the arrangements for next Tuesday's ballot which will be held between 1 iam and 6pm in committee room 12 at Westminster. The result is expected within about half an hour of the end of

Mr Onslow won support from MPs when he said that he hoped that once the contest was over the party would stand together in seeking to defeat the Labour party.

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# Baker tells staff to Voting against policies, not personalities

Peter Davenport reports on the effect a change of Torv leadership might have had in the recent Bradford by-election

IN THE by-election cam-paign for Bradford North few of the candidates could resist the lure of a photo-opportunity in the picturesque ham-let of Esholt, which doubles as Beckindale in the television soap opera Emmerdale Farm.

The programme is watched by millions of viewers and each year 300,000 of them travel to the village on the easterly edge of a constit-uency that starts in the heart of the inner city. In the case of Joy Atkin,

the Conservative candidate, who was born in Bradford but works in Oxfordshire it was always going to require more than a photograph outside the Commercial Inn, The Woolpack in the series to increase her chances. But would Michael Hesetine at the helm have helped? The feeling among vil-

lagers yesterday was that the

Conservatives' poor result, coming in third behind the Liberal Democrats and 9,514 votes behind the Labour victor, who secured a swing of 16 per cent, would not have been improved had there been a different leader. Bryan Hirst, the Commercial landlord for 12 years, said yesterday: "It's always dangerous ground for a publican to talk politics but I don't believe Mr Heseltine would have made a dif-ference. I think Mrs Thatcher herself was a factor in the voting. It may have been

what made the party come

third rather than second, but



in the main it was policies and not personalities that decided the issue for people."

At just about the time Mr Heseltine's nomination was being formally lodged, the day's first tourists were waiting for refreshments at the Ashwood tea rooms and gallery. The man behind the counter, who preferred per-sonal and political anonymity, said he did not believe the Conservatives would have done any better with Mr Heseltine than Margaret Thatcher. He did acknowledge, though, that the poll tax was the main grievance something Mr Heseltine has pledged to reform.

Throughout the by-election campaign Miss Atkin had professed unfailing loyalty to the prime minister and yesterday Valerie Bin-ney, the local Conservative agent, insisted that Mrs Thatcher's personal qualities and leadership style had not been a major factor on the

"I don't think that had Michael Heseltine been lead-

er it would have made any significant effect. However, our people are upset that he is challenging the prime minister at this time and they are ringing up to say so.

One woman rang to say that she had voted for Mrs Thatcher as prime minister at the general election and not Mr Heseltine and that if he brought her down he would have got the office on a false premise.

"Although people recognise he has a lot of good qualities, there are many

is doing is dreadful, awful, and it should not be done to the prime minister at this

Conservative voters, aware they were not going to win the seat, simply stayed at home and that a mixture of disenchantment and lack of motivation kept the party turnout down to about 30 per cent. High interest rates and the poll tax, which is £276 per head in the constitue

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# **European press forsake** cricket for the jungle

ALTHOUGH still somewhat bemused by the cricketing metaphors of Sir Geoffrey Howe's resignation speech, the European press has reacted quickly to Michael Heseltine's decision to stand against Margaret Thaicher. Profiles of Mr Heseltine abound and are littered with Tarzan imagery. Newspapers are wary of any outright favouritism but many newspapers believe that the time may have come for Mrs

tcher to stand down. Whatever the result of the er's days are numbered, according to the German press. Under the heading, "Tarzan's coming" the Frank-furter Rundschau said: shrinking of party loyalties debate has become severish into an election victory is and there is no coherent uncertain. What is contained. Whether or not Michael

former followers are getting used to the thought of living without her." Helmut Kohl's favourite newspaper, the Munich Deutsche Zeitung, said: "Sir Geof-frey rang in the beginning of

the end," and the Bonn paper General Anzeiger said: "She was hit below the waterline. The only thing we still don't know is when the boat will philosophy was scrutinised at length in the economic paper

Europe was commended. "He believes that Great Britain is firmly embedded in Europe and does not hang on to the illusion of a special trans-Atlantic relationship."

editorial line. El Mundo fa-wours Sir Geoffrey Howe as role of the state than Thatcher

and that more and more of her Diario-16, the liberal Madrid daily, Norman Tebbit and John Major may try their luck if the challenge goes into a second round and many London correspondents faoper Douglas Hurd.

In one story headlined "The presentation of a new candidate marks the end of a period which stinks of disaster", the independent leftist EL Pair said that nothing had gone right for Mrs Thatcher in the last year and her popular-ity had plummeted. "Many himself atmosphere, there are many who want to make Mrs Thatcher pay for wounds of

The Norwegian Labour party newspaper Arbeider-blader notes that Mr Heachine is a millionaire but adds approvingly: "He has a far that Mrs Thatcher will not vours Sir Geoffrey Howe as role of the state than Thatcher escape unharmed from the the man designated to topple and is much more critical of confrontation with Tarzan Mrs Thatcher. According to the so-called market."

# Unionists change tactics but bitter fight goes on

FIVE years ago this week when Margaret Thatcher and Garret FitzGerald signed the Anglo-Irish Agreement, the unionist community of Northern Ireland suffered its greatest single set-back since the beginning of the troubles.

The agreement was seen then as an act of gross betrayal by Britain. It was a deal negotiated secretly without consultation with representatives of the majority community in Northern Ireland and, worst of all, it appeared to articulate for the first time unionists' deepest fear; that Britain would some day allow Northern Ireland to slip gently away from the United

Kingdom.
It is difficult to convey the insecurity which informs unionist thinking on the agree-ment. For unionists the troubles are all about nationality and, increasingly, the fear that in spite of their innate Britishness, they remain unwanted by the parent nation and ultimately will be rejected. In the years since the agree-ment was signed the most visible element of unionist opposition to it has all but

appeared. The mass demonstrations on the streets of Belfast addressed by Ian Paisley are long gone, and recent attempts to revive them sug-gest that apathy has set in. This has led some observers, particularly in the North-ern Ireland Office, to conclude

that unionists have slowly begun to accept the agree-ment, to see its benefits in improved Anglo-Irish relations generally, and in crossborder economic and security co-operation. They might believe, as Mrs Thatcher has claimed, that far from jeopardising the territorial integrity After five years of opposition to the Anglo-Irish agreement,

unionists may appear to have lost their edge. But the will to win remains Edward Gorman reports

of the United Kingdom, the agreement enhances Northern Ireland's status within it and guarantees it, because it makes it explicit.

to get rid of the "diktaf" is probably as strong now as it ever was. It was the single-minded pursuit of that objective, for example, which determined the tactics of the two unionist parties in the socalled Brooke initiative. Part of the reason for the apparent breakdown of that process was that while nationalists were approaching inter-party talks with the intention of enhanc-ing their gains made under the agreement, unionists saw the process as a chance to destroy it once and for all.

Among the leading opponents of the agreement is Chris McGimpsey, an east Belfast property developer who, with his brother Michael, a builder, unsuccessfully challenged the validity of the treaty in the Irish Supreme Court earlier this year on the grounds that it was incompatible with the Republic's constitution.

Their case, which is now going to the European Court of Human Rights, produced a landmark judgment by the court which found that articles 2 and 3 of the Irish constitu- it has delivered nothing,"

torial claim to Northern Ireland represented not merely an aspiration but a

constitutional imperative.

Dr McGimpsey believes that his campaign and that of unionists generally must eventoally convince the govern-ment of the folly of entering into a treaty with a foreign power committed to the destruction of a part of the United Kingdom. He also vigorously resists the sugges-tion that unionism has lost its stomach for the fight against the treaty. "Opposition to the Anglo-Irish agreement has sunk to the level of an assumption. It is not articulated so much as it used to be and doesn't need to be. If you are not opposed to it, you are not a unionist."

Dr McGimpsey is a mem-ber of the Ulster Unionist party executive and may well run for Westminster at the next election. He is regarded as a moderate, liberal-minded spokesman of the soft left finge of the party who rec-ognises that some form of power sharing in a devolved administration is probably the only way forward for North-ern Ireland. But he is determined that no internal settlement of this kind can be contemplated in Belfast until the element of "interference" in Northern Ireland's internal affairs incorporated into the

agreement is scrapped.
He claims that the treaty has failed in every major respect.
"When it was signed, we were promised peace, stability and reconciliation," he said.
"There is now less peace than

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